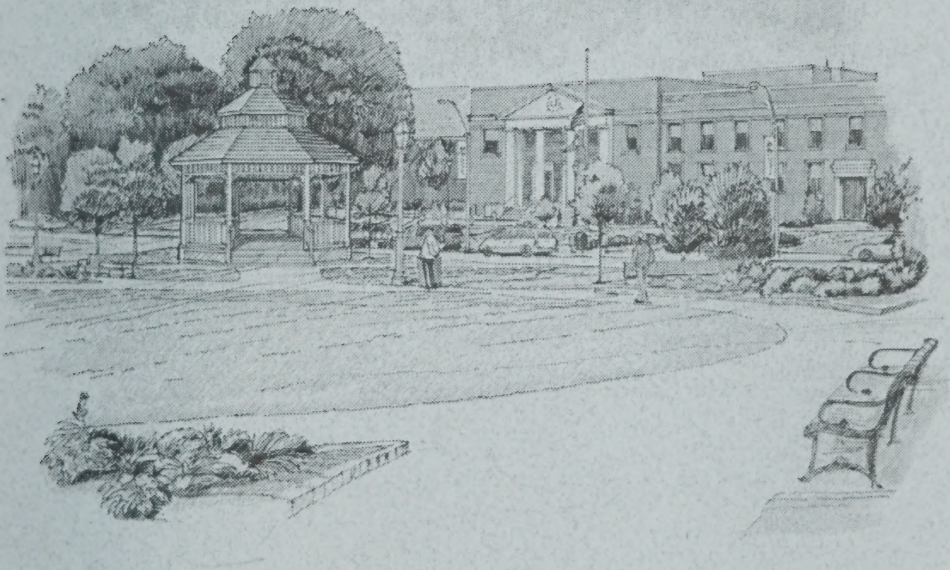


# **Town of Stoneham Massachusetts**



## **2004 Annual Report**

**On the cover:**

Sketch of the Bandstand that is being built on Stoneham Common. The Bandstand is being constructed by students from Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School and is funded by the Rotary Club of Stoneham, the MZO Group, and Stoneham Ford, in celebration of the Centennial Year for the Rotary Club of Stoneham.



# TOWN OF STONEHAM MASSACHUSETTS

## ANNUAL REPORT

2004  
Board of Selectmen



Left to right: Selectmen Robert W. Sweeney, Selectmen Anthony C. Kennedy, Chairman Cosmo M. Ciccarello, Selectman John F. DePinto, and Selectmen Charles S. Smith, III.

# **TOWN OF STONEHAM MASSACHUSETTS**

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Incorporated:	December 17, 1725
Population:	22,914
Land Area:	6.6 square miles
Location:	Ten miles north of Boston; close proximity to Interstate Highways 93 and 128
Form of Government:	Open Town Meeting Selectmen/Town Administrator
Annual Town Election:	First Tuesday in April
Annual Town Meeting:	First Monday in May
Town Operating Budget (FY05):	\$52,607,873
Assessed Valuation (FY05):	\$2,875,472,652
2004 Tax Rate:	
Residential	\$10.46
Commercial	\$16.75
Senators in Congress:	Edward M. Kennedy John F. Kerry
Representative in Congress: (Seventh Congressional District)	Edward J. Markey
Sixth Councillor District:	Michael J. Callahan
Middlesex and Essex Senatorial District:	Richard Tisei
30th Representative District:	Patrick Natale
31st Representative District:	Paul C. Casey
District Court:	4th East Middlesex Woburn, Massachusetts



## STONEHAM A BRIEF PROFILE

Once a major shoe manufacturing center, the Stoneham of today is a residential community whose commerce includes a balanced mix of retailing, service businesses, and a scattering of light manufacturing.

Recreational facilities abound in Stoneham. Supervised summer programs are provided at our seven playgrounds and thirteen tennis courts. Little League Baseball, Youth Basketball, Pop Warner Football, Youth Hockey, and Soccer Club are all active in our town. The Stoneham Boys and Girls Club provides indoor recreation year round. Town-owned Unicorn Recreational nine-hole golf course, par three golf course, and indoor heated skating rink are available for community use. There is also a private nine-hole golf course at Bear Hill Country Club. Our Whip Hill wildlife Sanctuary and Manor House, consisting of over thirty acres, is a prized asset of Stoneham. The Walter D. Stone Memorial Zoo attracts many visitors.

The Middlesex Fells Reservation, one of the State's largest parks, comprises a major portion of Stoneham (32%) and offers nature trails, bridle paths, and picnicking. Metropolitan District Commission facilities in Stoneham consist of the following:

Swimming Pool  
Bear Hill Observatory  
Spot Pond  
Outdoor Skating Rink

Stoneham has an outstanding public school system, including Northeast Metropolitan Regional vocational School, and also offers private education at St. Patrick's School, Seventh Day Adventist School, and private kindergartens.

Churches include All Saints Episcopal, First Baptist, First Congregational, Jehovah's Witnesses, St. James Methodist, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic, and Seventh Day Adventist.

Central Animal Hospital and Stoneham Animal Hospital both care of our pet population and Stoneham Animal Hospital also serves as dog pound for the community.

Stoneham's Senior Center is a source of pleasure for our elder residents, whether they partake of the noontime meal or join in the many planned activities for their enjoyment.

Public housing is available for both senior and low income residents. The Town is 98% sewerred, and the Public Works Department renders outstanding service as to plowing, sanding, etc.

Comcast and RCN provide cable television service to Stoneham.

Our local newspapers, the Stoneham Independent and the Stoneham Sun, are published weekly.



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# TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

## 2004

### Terms Expire

#### MODERATOR

Michael J. Rotondi	2005
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#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Charles S. Smith, III	2005
Cosmo M. Ciccarello, Chairman	2006
Robert W. Sweeney	2006
John F. DePinto	2007
Anthony C. Kennedy	2007

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Cheryl Walsh	2005
David Shiels	2005
Marie T. Christie	2006
Marc A. Grimaldi	2006
Kristen A. Russo	2007

#### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

William J. Jordan, Chairman	2005
Craig J. Celli	2006
Richard D. Mangerian	2007

#### TOWN CLERK

John J. Hanright	2007
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#### BOARD OF HEALTH

Michael J. Rolli, Chairman	2005
John J. Scullin	2006
Benedict J. DiRusso, Jr.	2007

#### TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Rocco Ciccarello	2005
Patricia Kilty	2005
Catherine F. DiDonato	2006
Jane Francis	2006
Susan K. Doucette	2007
Susan Waldman Fixman	2007

**NORTHEAST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL  
DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE**

Anthony DeTeso

**PLANNING BOARD**

Stephen R. Catalano	2005
Mark Shamon	2006
August S. Niewenhaus, III	2007
Frank J. Federico	2008
Kevin Dolan	2009

**HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Vincent L. Orsillo	2005
William Jordan	2006
Frederick F. Mosley, Chairman	2008
Edward J. Pinato	2009
Rosemary Trask, Governor's Appointee	2001
Joanne Graves, Executive Director	Ex-officio

**CONSTABLES**

Michael A. Germano	2006
Fredric Kranefuss	2006
Robert E. Moreira	2006

**CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD**

William E. Abbott, Employees Representative	2005
James J. McDermott, Jr., Employees Representative	2005
Janice T. Houghton, Chairman	2006
Joseph A. DeSisto, Designee of the Board of Selectmen	
Ronald J. Florino, Town Accountant	Ex-Officio

**BOARD OF APPEALS**

Laurence J. Rotondi	2007
Kevin C. McLaughlin	2007
Henry T. Sampson	2004
Gerard J. Cunningham	2005
William N. Sullivan, Jr.	2005
Frank Vallarelli	2006
Laurence Rotondi	2004
Kevin McLaughlin, Associate Member	2004



# BIKE AND GREENWAY COMMITTEE

Cameron Bain, Chairman  
 Robert Conway  
 Rita G. Covelle  
 Peter Daniels  
 Shirley Drinkwater  
 John Ranlett  
 Wendy Smith  
 Joan Terrasi  
 Robert Vercollone  
 Theresa Ward  
 Kristen Wigandt  
 John C. Goodwin, Associate Member  
 Trudy Sevier, Associate Member  
 Marilyn Regan, Associate Member  
 Bee Russo, Associate Member

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Blake Allison (Apptd. 12/17/02)	2005
Open	2005
David F. Oberhauser	2005
Michael Christ	2006
Robert J. Tobin (Apptd. 10/19/04)	2006
Robert E. Conway, Chairman	2007
Scott A. Peterson	2007
Daniel C. Towse, Associate Member	200

## COUNCIL ON AGING

Karen Annetti	2005
Alice M. Blackwell	2005
Marjorie Neylon	2005
Romeo P. Capuano	2006
Dorothy A. Corkum	2006
Mary A. Cappannelli	2007
Norma Nicolazzo	2007
Howard Porter	2007
Barbara Mahoney	2008
Marcia M. Wengen	2008
Miriam R. Moore	2008

**Terms Expire****CULTURAL COUNCIL**

John Antonellis	10/7/06
Susan Doucette	10/7/06
Lori S. Gordon-Sack	10/7/06
Marcia M. Wengen	9/21/07
Elizabeth Whelan	10/24/06
Jane C. DiGangi	9/21/07
Catherine A. Granese	9/21/07

**DEDICATION COMMITTEE**

Cosmo M. Ciccarello  
Albert B. Conti

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Fire Chief Lawrence Lamey  
Police Chief Gregory M. O Keefe  
David A. Portman, Action Ambulance Service, Inc.  
Jack Twomey, RN, CEN, EMT-M, Boston Regional Medical Center

**FINANCE & ADVISORY BOARD**

Susan Beccia	2005
Dan T. Doherty	2005
John F. Bowen	2006
Richard S. Gregorio, Chairman	2006
Eric T. Rubin	2006
Benjamin A. Caggiano	2007
John P. DeAmicis	2007
John C. Warren	2007

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Rosemarie McDonald	2005
Margaret A. O Keefe	2005
Marcia M. Wengen	2006
Christopher Willard	2006
David Armato	2007
Stephen E. Rotondi	2007
Matthew D. Whooley	2007

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Bee Russo, President  
, Vice President  
Susan Doucette, Secretary  
Donald F. Marchant, Treasurer  
Mary K. Marchant, Curator



## **MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE**

**Terms Expire**

Joseph DeSisto  
Frederick Mosley

James Standish  
Gerald Sullivan

## **MYSTIC VALLEY ELDER SERVICES**

Jane Lavender  
Barbara Mahoney

9/30/04  
9/30/04

## **OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Chris Abreu, Chairman  
Denise Healy  
Maureen Houghton  
Stephen G. McDonough  
James Sarno  
Dennis J. Visconti  
Therese DiBlasi  
Stephen P. Sylvester

2005  
2005  
2005  
2005  
2005  
2006  
2007  
2007

## **REGISTRARS OF VOTERS**

Rocco Coccarello  
Theresa A. Ward  
Jo Ann Anderson  
John J. Hanright, Town Clerk

2005  
2006  
2007  
Ex-Officio

## **SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Ronald Fiore  
Marie Christie  
Maureen Soley  
Daniel W. Hogan, Jr., Chairman  
Thomas Barry  
Stephen O Neil

Kevin J. Crowley  
Jeanne Craigie  
Harold G. Paicopolos  
David A. Campbell  
Glenys L. Bruno  
David Gardner

## **TOWN COMMON OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Patricia Kilty  
Beverly Ranese  
Sharon Iovanni  
Elsie Wallac  
Stephen Born  
Dominic Maitino  
Stephen McDonough

2005  
2005  
2006  
2006  
2007  
2007  
2007

**Terms Expire**

**WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE**

Mary S. Bond  
Frederick Mosley  
Guerino Tamburrini

Joseph DeSisto  
Francis Roberts

**WATER AND SEWER REVIEW BOARD**

Robert W. Nardone – Selectmen Designee	2005
Robert E. O Neill – Selectmen Designee	2006
Therese DiBlasi, Chairman – Finance Board Designee	2006
Matthew Whooley – Selectmen Designee	2007
John L. Bracciotti – Finance Board Designee	2007

## APPOINTED TOWN POSITIONS 2004

Town Administrator .....	Ronald J. Florino
Town Counsel .....	William H. Solomon, Esq.
Town Treasurer/Tax Collector .....	Thomas Cicatelli
Asst. Town Treasurer/Tax Collector .....	Diane Murphy
Acting Town Accountant .....	Donna Pagliarulo
Fire Chief .....	Lawrence Lamey
Police Chief .....	Gregory M. O Keefe
Superintendent of Schools .....	Joseph Connelly
Library Director .....	Mary Todd
Public Works Director .....	Robert E. Grover
Inspector of Buildings .....	Eugene Argiro
Director of Veterans Services .....	Carl Saunders
Director of Civil Preparedness .....	Lawrence Lamey
Director of Assessing (Retired June 2004) .....	Elaine E. Moore
Fence Viewer .....	Eugene Argiro



# TOWN GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

## Citizens Elect:

Board of Selectmen  
 School Committee  
 Town Clerk  
 Board of Assessors  
 Planning Board  
 Constables  
 Library Trustees  
 Board of Health  
 \*Housing Authority  
 Moderator  
 Northeast Metropolitan Regional  
 Vocational School Representative

## Selectmen Appoint:

Town Administrator  
 Town Counsel  
 Town Accountant  
 Selectmen's Office Staff  
 Council on Aging  
 Board of Appeals  
 Conservation Commission  
 Commission for the Handicapped  
 Historical Commission  
 Recreation and Open Space Committee  
 Registrars of Voters  
 Designee to Board of Retirement  
 All multi-member Boards/Committees  
 EOCD

\*Four Elected, One Appointed by State

## School Committee Appoints:

Superintendent of Schools

## Town Administrator Appoints:

Building and Wire Inspectors  
 Dog Officers  
 Fire Chief  
 Police Chief  
 Town Engineer  
 Treasurer/Collector  
 Director of Veterans Services  
 All Other Officers and Employees

## Superintendent of Schools Appoints:

School Staff

## Library Trustees Appoint:

Library Director

## Moderator Appoints:

Finance & Advisory Board  
 Ad Hoc Committees

## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen is pleased to present the 2004 Annual Report to the residents of Stoneham, in accordance with Section 2-31 of the Town Code, which reads as follows:

Every officer in charge of a department shall annually, on or before the tenth day of January, transmit to the Selectmen, in writing, a report containing a statement of the acts and doings of his department for the past financial year; such report shall be printed in the Annual Report.

On April 6, 2004 Anthony C. Kennedy was re-elected to a three-year term as Selectman, and John F. DePinto was elected to a three-year term as Selectman.

On April 13, 2004, the Board reorganized. Cosmo M. Ciccarello was elected Chairman; Robert W. Sweeney, Vice-Chairman; Anthony C. Kennedy, Secretary; John F. DePinto and Charles S. Smith, III, Members. Muriel Doherty is Office Manager to the Board. Unfortunately, Grace Visconti, part-time clerk in the Selectmen's office, was laid off as of June 30, 2004, due to budget constraints, as were several other Town employees, including three Police Officers and three Fire Fighters. Several Town employees also saw a reduction in hours, due to the budget constraints.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 2-45, of the Town Code, William H. Solomon was reappointed Town Counsel for the Town of Stoneham, on March 10, 2004.

Just from licenses alone, revenue in the amount of \$44,852.50 was collected in the office of the Board of Selectmen during FY2004. The licenses processed which generated such funds were Automatic Amusement Devices, Miniature Golf, Class I - New Car Dealer, Class II - Used Car Dealers, Common Victuallers, Carnival Licenses, Entertainment Licenses, Juke Boxes, Public Entertainment on Sundays, Club Liquor Licenses, Restaurant Liquor Licenses, Package Goods Store Liquor Licenses, Special Permits, Cable Franchise, Taxicabs, Liveries, and Limousines. In addition to the \$44,852.50 that was collected from licenses, several gifts and payments were made to the Town during 2004. The MBTA paid \$303,000 to the Town for reimbursement for reconstruction of a culvert on Maple Street. Comcast Cable Communications, Inc. paid \$267,400.80 to the Town. RCN-BecoCom made a payment of \$73,000. Chem Shared paid \$27,201.47 in lieu of taxes to cover the last two years. Whip Hill Trust donated \$25,000 for the care and maintenance of Whip Hill. IYH Corp. (BJ's) contributed \$10,000 for public safety for FY04. The Boston Company paid \$3,500 for the administration of the Stockwell Fund. S.R. Weiner & Associates, Inc. donated their annual contribution of \$1,500 towards the upkeep of the traffic island in front of Redstone.

Many applicants were assisted by this office and applications were processed for the Helen Walcott Stockwell Trust, which covers payment of medical bills for needy Stoneham residents. Funds were distributed to various hospitals and physicians. Residents may apply at the Selectmen's office for an application.

Seven (7) lots are available at Lindenwood Cemetery to be used for the burial of indigent Stoneham residents. Mrs. Edna H. Kirts donated eight lots to the Town in memory of her father, Charles Cloudman, on October 16, 1979. Residents may contact the Board of Selectmen's office to determine eligibility.

The Board of Selectmen met 48 times during 2004. In addition, there were three Town Meetings held this year and five elections. Members of the Board attended many sub-committee meetings and meetings of other boards, committees, and commissions, in addition to attending conferences. The Board of Selectmen made appointments to the boards and committees during the year. Several Public Hearings were held relative to site plan approval; public utilities as to installation of poles and conduits; public input on projects; and determination and adoption of local tax revenue to be borne by each class of real and personal property.

The war on terrorism and the war in Iraq continues, after the horrendous attacks of 9/11/01. Several Town employees have been called to active military duty, or continue on active military duty, as in the two previous years. From the Fire Department, Sean Fitzgerald, Michael Labriola, James McLaughlin, Jr., and Justin Petrillo were on active duty, and James O'Brien, Arena Assistant, was on active duty. Some of these men have already returned to work for the Town. Our thoughts and prayers remain with all the residents of Stoneham and the Town employees who are serving our country, as well as all our armed forces from all over the country. We are proud of them and thankful to them for their service.

On December 20, 2004, the Board of Selectmen held our annual Senior Citizen Holiday Party. This affair was held at Montvale Plaza and was donated by Marty Murphy and his family, owners of Montvale Plaza. About 320 seniors enjoyed dinner, entertainment, raffle prizes, and gifts for all. The Board thanks Marty Murphy along with the businesses, individuals, and Michael Rolli who helped make this party possible, through their generous donations, services, and time.

The Board of Selectmen, which sets policy for the Town, continues to be receptive to citizen input, not only at public hearings but through phone calls received at home, in our contact with the public, and in phone calls and visits made to our office by the public. The Board, as always, welcomes this input and encourages it. The Board holds public hearings on many issues to give the townspeople an opportunity to have input. The Board of Selectmen and its office continue to perform the many and diverse functions required by both Town Bylaws and Massachusetts General Law and to expand services where needed.



The Board of Selectmen wishes to thank all Town officers, employees, and members of committees for their efforts and dedication during the past year.



Board of Selectmen Annual Senior Holiday Party at Montvale Plaza. The 2004 party was sponsored by Marty Murphy of Montvale Plaza. Left to right: Town Clerk John Hanright, State Senator Richard Tisei, Chairman Cosmo Ciccarello, State Representative Prrick Natale, State Representative Paul Casey, Selectman Anthony Kennedy and Selectman John DePinto.



Board of Selectmen Senior Citizen Party — Presentation of clock to Marty Murphy in honor of his sponsoring the party - left to right: Selectman John F. DePinto, Chairman Cosmo M. Ciccarello, Marty Murphy, owner of Montvale Plaza, Selectman Anthony C. Kennedy and Representative-Elect Patrick Natale.

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

In 2004, the retirement of Elaine Moore marked the end of an era. Elaine served the Town for more than forty years in the Assessors Office, as well as having served six years as a member of the Board of Selectmen. I was very fortunate to be appointed to the Town Administrator position by the Board of Selectmen on July 31, 2004. After serving as Town Accountant for over nineteen years in the Accounting Department, I felt I could better serve the Town at a higher level. Assistant Town Accountant Donna Pagliarulo has done a remarkable job filling the role as Interim Town Accountant in keeping the Accounting Department running smoothly on a daily basis with one less full time person.

The difficult fiscal problem for the Town continued into 2004 and is expected to last throughout 2005 and most likely into 2006. Without the many devoted employees, committee members, and elected officials working together, it would have been impossible for the Town to maintain public services given the deep budget cuts and number of layoffs. Many town departments such as Police, Fire, Schools, Public Works, MIS, Arena, Community Development, Building Department, Board of Health, Council on Aging, and Recreation were impacted by budget cuts in 2004. It will be even more challenging in 2005 because these departments will be expected to absorb further budget cuts and staff reductions.

The Town used more than \$3.4 million from one time funding sources such as overlay surplus, free cash, and Stabilization Funds to balance its Fiscal Year 2004 Budget and \$1.7 million to balance its Fiscal Year 2005 Budget. My goal is to eventually phase out the use of these non-recurring funding sources for operating purposes. These funds are more appropriately used for addressing the Town's Capital needs, but during these tough times the funding was needed and appropriately used to limit the number of layoffs and provide adequate public service to the residents.

The Town was able to realize a \$707,000 surplus at the end of Fiscal Year 2004. However, the Town needed \$646,000 of this surplus to help balance the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget at the October 2004 Special Town Meeting. In 2005, increased cost of health insurance, pension, employee salaries, and special education continue to outpace the growth of any new revenue. Unless state aid is restored or new revenues are generated, then further layoffs and reduced services are inevitable. The residents have made it clear from the last override attempt that they cannot afford to pay additional taxes above the allowed two and one half percent increase.

I am committed to finding new revenue sources and lowering costs to help the Town get through these tough financial times. The development of the Boston Regional Medical Center (BRMC) Site is an example of the type of new revenue source the Town has been looking at in 2004. A BRMC Site Work Group has been



appointed by the Town Administrator to work with the developer in order to derive at a project that will be suitable for that particular area as well as provide additional revenues for the Town.

Town Officials have also been working hard with their State Representatives and State Senator to get additional Chapter 70 Funds and some Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for all the State owned land in Town. The Town of Stoneham has not been treated equally compared to similar communities when it comes to the Chapter 70 distribution formula. Hopefully, this formula will be changed to be more favorable for Stoneham and compensate the Town for all the state aid it has not received over the years.

I am confident that we will get through these dire times because of the many conscientious and hard working people to make it happen. I want to thank my current staff: Debbie Pettengill, Betty Luciano, and Ginny Ray for making my transition into the Town Administrator's Office such a positive experience. Also, I want to thank the Accounting Department staff: Donna Pagliarulo, Pat Queeney, and Karen Brown for all the years they helped me during my role as Town Accountant. I truly appreciate all the efforts they extended in keeping the Accounting Department operating smoothly until a new Town Accountant is appointed. Finally, I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for their support and confidence in me through the years as Town Accountant and now as Town Administrator. I am honored to serve them and the people of this great Town in my new capacity as Town Administrator.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald J. Florino  
Town Administrator

## TOWN COUNSEL

I am pleased to offer the following report concerning the office of the Town Counsel for the Year 2004.

With respect to litigation to which the Town was a party, the following cases were disposed in the year 2004:

Curt R. Feuer v. Stoneham Board of Appeals  
Land Court, C.A. No. 295905

Mitchell, et. Al. v. Highland Village, LLC, et. Al.  
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 043610

Town of Stoneham v. Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority  
Middlesex Superior Court, C.A. No. 03-0450

Stephen Columbus v. Anthony C. Kennedy  
Middlesex Superior Court C.A. No. 02-3805

Legal and other assistance was provided to Town officials, board, committees, department and employees. By continued early and proactive involvement, this office is best able to protect legal and other interests of the Town. Among the matters addressed in 2004 were the following:

(i) preparation for Stoneham Arena by private third party (Not finally pursued by the Town);

(ii) numerous School Contracts for operational needs for the schools;

(iii) Hearing preparation for an involvement at Board of Appeals hearings regarding proposed wireless facility by Omnipoint (T-Mobile) and Sprint Wireless at a Franklin Street location;

(iv) Sewer Use Agreement between Town of Stoneham and Department of Conservation & Recreation;

(v) this office was responsible for obtaining \$303,000.00 from Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. The efforts of Senator Richard R. Tisei in this effort are appreciated.

This office continued its efforts with respect to telecommunications and cable television matters. Funding to the Town for its access corporation as well as direct funds provided to the Town from RCN to be used for the public good were obtained. These funds through the direct intervention and effort of this office were used for the purchase of equipment by the Schools s Media Communication Department for data communications and video conferencing. Also these funds were used for the continuance and upgrade of a quality Local Access Station. The annual revenues from both cable television licenses for the year 204 is in excess of half a million dollars.

I express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, other Town officials, department heads and employees for their assistance and support. It is an honor to serve as Town Counsel.

William H. Solomon  
Town Counsel



## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

In fiscal year 2004, the Town generated a surplus of \$707,000 which was certified as free cash by the State.

At the October 21, 2004 Special Town Meeting, the Town voted to use \$646,000 of this free cash to balance the Fiscal Year 2005. Overall, the Town had to rely on over \$1.7 million from non-recurring funding sources such as the cash overlay surplus, and Stabilization Funds in Fiscal year 2004. The Town will have approximately \$900,000 remaining in the Stabilization Fund. These funds will most likely be needed to balance the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget seeing that these are very difficult and challenging times facing the Town of Stoneham.

The Accounting Department was also faced with challenging times as Town Accountant, Ronald Florino, was appointed the new Town Administrator effective July 31, 2004. The Assistant Town Accountant, Donna Pagliarulo, was appointed the Acting Town Accountant to ensure continuity while the search began for a new Town Accountant. With the Accountant's office being short staffed, we have persevered in our efforts to keep up with the day-to-day critical tasks essential to the Town's operations. I would like to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to Patricia Queeney, Full Time Office Assistant, and Karen Brown, Part Time Office Assistant, for their hard work and commitment to me, and to the Town of Stoneham.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Pagliarulo  
Acting Town Accountant

TOWN OF STONEHAM  
FY 04 GENERAL FUND REVENUE RECAP

DESCRIPTION	FY 04 EST. REVENUE	FY 04 RECAP ACTUAL REVENUE	FY 04 REVENUE SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	FY 05 EST. REVENUE
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE, NET OF REFUNDS	2,639,259	2,563,604.59	(75,654.41)	2,563,600
PENALTIES/INTEREST ON TAXES & EXCISE	118,000	115,167.12	(2,832.88)	115,000
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	25,000	35,338.02	10,338.02	35,000
FEES	200,000	212,976.07	12,976.07	212,000
RENTALS	1,000	1,420.00	420.00	1,400
DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE				
— SCHOOLS	155,000	99,266.69	(55,733.31)	99,000
— LIBRARIES	2,000	2,157.97	157.97	2,100
— CEMETERIES	65,000	85,412.50	20,412.50	85,000
— RECREATION	1,275,000	1,405,307.46	130,307.46	1,405,000
OTHER DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE	2,000	26,073.42	24,073.42	26,000
LICENSES & PERMITS	350,000	441,777.33	91,777.33	441,000
FINES & FORFEITS(Parking & Dog Fines)	11,000	16,713.50	5,713.50	16,700

DESCRIPTION	FY 04 EST. REVENUE	FY 04 RECAP ACTUAL REVENUE	FY 04 REVENUE SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	FY 05 EST. REVENUE
INVESTMENT INCOME	200,000	88,927.91	(111,072.09)	88,900
DISTRICT COURT FINES	52,000	54,882.14	2,882.14	54,800
PENSION REIMBURSEMENTS	10,000	16,209.52	6,209.52	16,000
Additional Lottery	0	0.00	0.00	186,000
MBTA Drainage Reimb.	0	28,254.00	28,254.00	303,000
TOTAL LOCAL RECEIPTS	5,105,259	5,193,488.24	88,229.24	5,650,500
STATE AID	8,788,153	8,857,356.53	69,203.53	
REAL ESTATE/PERSONAL PROPERTY	30,349,193	30,529,216.03	180,023.03	
DEFERRED REAL ESTATE	0	0.00	0.00	
TAX LIENS	0	157,681.16	157,681.16	
STATE REIMB. --OTHER	0	14,992.83	14,992.83	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	44,242,605.00	44,752,734.79	510,129.79	



Assets	General Fund	Revolving Fund	Federal/ State Grants	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer		Water		Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Account Group General L-T Obligations
						Enterprise Fund	Enterprise Fund	Enterprise Fund	Fund			
Cash - Unrestricted Checking	4,172,495											
- Restricted Checking		323,494	461,228	717,653	1,044,402	724,967		273,323		3,265,250	108,131	
- Restricted Savings				177,558								
Personal Property Tax - 2004	25,278											
Personal Property Tax - 2003	8,913											
Personal Property Tax - 2002	18,648											
Personal Property Tax - Prior Years	100,225											
Real Estate Tax - 2005	(33,125)											
Real Estate Tax - 2004	309,371											
Real Estate Tax - 2003	67,089											
Real Estate Tax - Prior Years	114,136											
Allowance for Abate/Exemptions	(1,013,653)											
Tax Liens	258,889											
Deferred Real Estate Taxes	289,806											
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 2004	123,675											
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 2003	45,084											
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - 2002	22,293											
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax - Prior Years	53,537											
User Charges Receivable - Sewer						386,392		233,448				
User Charges Receivable - Water								14,813				
Utility Liens Receivable								6,917				
Apportioned Assessment Not Yet Due			665,973									
Due From State Government												
Amount to be provided for GLTD												48,030,716
Total Assets	4,562,662	323,494	1,127,201	895,211	1,044,402	1,156,110		528,501		3,265,250	108,131	48,030,716

Liabilities & Fund Balances	General Fund	Revolving Fund	Federal/ State Grants	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer Enterprise Fund		Water Enterprise Fund		Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Account Group General L-T Obligations
Warrants Payable	820,499	21,856	16,653	209	19,554	46		861		1,125	1,490	
Accrued Payroll	422,365	14,316	2,859			10,100		12,410		224	11,281	
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable												
Paid Details(Police, Fire, & Custodial)												
Due to Comm. of Mass./Other Agencies					920,660						(52,928)	
Unclaimed Items	26,501										65,841	
Guaranteed Deposits	1,198											
Deferred Revenue:				177,558								
- Uncollected Property Tax	(403,118)											
- Uncollected Def. Real Estate	289,806											
- Uncollected Tax Liens	258,889											
- Uncollected Motor Veh. Exc.	244,590											
- Uncollected User Charges												
- Uncollected Utility Liens												
- Uncollected Gov t Receivables			665,973									
- Uncollected Special Assess.												
General Long Term Obligation Bonds												
												48,030,716
Total Liabilities	1,660,730	36,172	685,486	177,767	940,214	441,289		268,449		1,349	25,685	48,030,716

Liabilities & Fund Balances	General Fund	Revolving Fund	Federal/ State Grants	Other Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Sewer		Water		Trust Funds	Agency Funds	Account Group General L-T Obligations
						Enterprise Fund	Enterprise Fund	Enterprise Fund	Enterprise Fund			
Undesignated Fund Balance	1,881,017					441,321	110,120					
Fund Balance:												
- Res. for Expenditures	200,000											
- Res. for Continuous Approp.	269,223					261,747	139,095					
- Reserved for Encumbrances	551,693					11,753	10,838					
- Designated Under Assessments												
- Designated Federal Grants			195,783									
- Designated State Grants			245,933									
- Designated Revolving Fund		287,322										
- Reserved for Appropriation				170,114								
- Reserved for Special Purposes				547,330	104,188				3,263,901	82,446		
Total Fund Balances	2,901,932	287,322	441,716	717,444	104,188	714,821	260,053	3,263,901	82,446			0
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	4,562,662	323,494	1,127,201	895,211	1,044,402	1,156,110	528,501	3,265,250	108,131			48,030,716



# TOWN OF STONEHAM

## SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL & STATE GRANTS

### AS OF JUNE 30, 2004

Federal Grants	Balance 7/1/03	Received FY 04	Total Available	Expended FY 04	Balance 6/30/04
Digital Booking System	(31,471)	0	(31,471)	0	(31,471)
Cops Universal Hiring Grant	65,000	0	65,000	65,000	0
FEMA Food & Shelter	3,432	0	3,432	0	3,432
Copsmore Grant	33,782	0	33,782	0	33,782
FEMA Snow Emergency Funds	0	70,986	70,986	70,986	0
Community Develop.-Ready Resource Grant	1,213	0	1,213	2,436	(1,223)
Seabelt Enforcement Grant	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000
Wakefield Voc. School Project (Police)	1,719	0	1,719	0	1,719
FEMA Fire Training Grant	44,075	0	44,075	5,226	38,849
FEMA BOH Emergency Preparedness Grant	0	5,660	5,660	5,603	56
Safe & Drug Free Schools	6,480	7,218	13,698	4,970	8,728
Title I - Reading Program	39,382	380,733	420,115	350,297	69,818
Title VI B-Special Education for Handicapped	54,247	446,085	500,332	481,534	18,798
Title II - Block Grant	266	13,779	14,045	12,907	1,138
Title VI B - Early Childhood Development	362	18,161	18,523	18,201	322
Community Caring	18	0	18	18	0
SPED Electronic Portfolio Grant	0	300	300	299	1
Title II Enhancing Education via Tech. FY03	4,237	10,896	15,133	13,120	2,014
SPED Program Improvements FY03	22,518	11,505	34,023	23,431	10,592
Title II Improving Educator Quality	26,636	75,077	101,713	67,485	34,228
School State Assessment FY03	56	0	56	56	(0)
Early Childhood Training	3,500	0	3,500	3,500	0

<b>Federal Grants</b>	<b>Balance 7/1/03</b>	<b>Received FY 04</b>	<b>Total Available</b>	<b>Expended FY 04</b>	<b>Balance 6/30/04</b>
Title III English Language Acquisition	17,069		17,069	17,069	1
School Mental Health Support FY03	4,000	0	4,000	4,000	0
Emergency Immigrant English Program	310	0	310	310	0
<b>Total Federal Grants</b>	<b>301,831</b>	<b>1,040,400</b>	<b>1,342,230</b>	<b>1,146,446</b>	<b>195,784</b>
<b>State Grants</b>					
Student Awareness Fire Education (S.A.F.E.)	1,725	3,377	5,102	4,662	441
Police Bullet Proof Vests	4,535	0	4,535	776	3,759
Transportation for the Elderly	657	25,093	25,750	26,177	(427)
Community Policing	37,757	46,313	84,070	46,274	37,796
Mass Release Tree Grant	8,983	0	8,983	0	8,983
Fire Department Hazmat Grant	(430)	5,041	4,611	3,144	1,468
Mass. Incentive Recycling Program	15,581	1,660	17,241	525	16,716
Law Enforcement Trust	80,632	2,780	83,412	21,427	61,985
State Aid to Public Libraries	126,860	20,885	147,745	1,156	146,589
Watch Your Car Grant	675	0	675	675	0
Weights & Measures-Purchase Equipment	229	0	229	0	229
Franklin Street Fire Alarm Grant	12,226	336	12,562	0	12,562
DEOE Waterwaste Systems	89,734	0	89,734	81,035	8,699
Arts & Lottery Grant	6,514	3,945	10,459	5,375	5,084
Police Safety Equipment	9,298	0	9,298	7,326	1,972
Firefighter s Safety Equipment	537	0	537	0	537
CH 811 Highway Improvements	10,060	0	10,060	0	10,060
Street Improvement Grant	7,746	0	7,746	0	7,746
CH 235 of the Acts of 1999	(26,379)	116,690	90,311	105,712	(15,401)
CH 53B & CH 150 of the Acts of 2000	(125,785)	125,785	0	0	0

State Grants	Balance 7/1/03	Received FY 04	Total Available	Expended FY 04	Balance 6/30/04
CH 53C of the Acts of 1999	0	0	0	129,419	(129,419)
CH 246 of the Acts of 2002	0	0	0	131,160	(131,160)
Reserved for Educational Reform	271	0	271	0	271
Mentorship Grant	1,123	0	1,123	0	1,123
Kindergarten Enhancement Program	0	15,589	15,589	12,765	2,824
Future Educator s Club	20	0	20	20	0
School MCAS Grant	446	0	446	446	(0)
Academic Support Grant	10,449	7,200	17,649	17,649	0
Summer Academic Support Grant	0	16,700	16,700	16,700	0
Early Literacy Grant FY04	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
School "Pothole " Grant	39,198	200,000	239,198	46,891	192,307
Elementary Schoolwide Literacy Program	6,444	0	6,444	5,253	1,191 \
Total State Grants	261,155	601,395	920,501	674,566	245,935
Total Federal & State Grants	562,986	1,641,794	2,262,731	1,821,012	441,719



# Town of Stoneham

## Schedule of Other Special Revenue

### As of June 30, 2004

	Balance 7/1/2003	Received FY 04	Total Available	Expended FY 04	Balance 6/30/2004
School Lunch Program	55,021	665,286	720,307	709,077	11,229
Athletic Fund	52,845	149,512	202,357	146,737	55,620
Adult Evening School	133	2,778	2,911	2,808	103
Summer School Program	14,536	1,438	15,974	0	15,974
Youth Commission	37,053	90,750	127,803	96,954	30,849
Insurance Reimbursement Under \$20,000.	15,749	97,305	113,054	91,385	21,669
Senior Citizen Outings	4,685	10,295	14,980	8,132	6,847
Tuition Reimbursement for Out of Town Children	8,365	120,843	129,208	182,144	(52,936)
Rental of School Buildings	31,739	230,802	262,541	224,676	37,865
Composting Bins	1,489	42,615	44,104	0	44,104
ADA Parking Fines	11,626	2,701	14,327	0	14,327
Rental of Tax Possession Property	6,250	0	6,250	0	6,250
Rental of Senior Center	1,697	300	1,997	60	1,937
Public Health Fund	12,921	5,630	18,551	8,461	10,090
Wetland Protection Fees	1,193	137	1,330	1,208	122
School Bus Transportation	13,726	46,493	60,219	57,102	3,117
Full Day Kindergarten	0	73,150	73,150	38,541	34,609
High School Drama Program	0	6,500	6,500	739	5,762
School Instrumental Music Program	0	11,565	11,565	11,565	0
E-Rate Discount	84	0	84	0	84
Pre School Program	(22,364)	140,253	117,889	111,517	6,372
School Age/After School Child Care	22,901	210,586	233,487	205,580	27,907

	Balance 7/1/2003	Received FY 04	Total Available	Expended FY 04	Balance 6/30/2004
H. S Extension	5,421	0	5,421	0	5,421
Total Revolving Funds	275,070	1,908,937	2,184,007	1,896,686	287,322
<b>Receipts Reserved for Appropriations</b>					
Sale of Foreclosed Property	85,554	0	85,554	0	85,554
Sale of Cemetery Lots	60,904	68,210	129,114	44,554	84,561
Total Receipts Reserved for Appropriations	146,458	68,210	214,668	44,554	170,115
<b>Individual Gifts &amp; Donations</b>					
Board of Selectmen- Von Dreathen	1,306	0	1,306	0	1,306
Board of Selectmen- Stockwell Fund	127	7,500	7,627	6,300	1,327
Police Donations	370	0	370	0	370
Fire - NE Memorial Hospital (Super Pass)	785	0	785	0	785
Library Donations	3,904	9,430	13,334	6,591	6,743
Senior Citizens - Christmas Party	2,429	3,215	5,644	1,974	3,670
Stoneham Square Parking Study	10	0	10	0	10
Conservation Commission Donation	25	0	25	0	25
Whip Hill Trust	0	10,000	10,000	10,000	0
Whip Hill Upkeep	824	5,000	5,824	2,743	3,081
Board of Health - Donation Stockwell Fund	79	0	79	0	79
Stoneham High School Music Club	526	0	526	0	526
Stoneham Middle School Music Club	1,380	0	1,380	0	1,380
School Gifts & Donations	1,816	8,169	9,985	7,174	2,812
The Mugar Group	2,543	0	2,543	0	2,543
Town Common Donations	7,118	6,520	13,638	6,330	7,308

	Balance 7/1/2003	Received FY 04	Total Available	Expended FY 04	Balance 6/30/2004
D.A.R.E. Program Donations	9,627	3,116	12,743	3,278	9,465
A T & T License Renewal--Capital	22,471	126,069	148,540	7,677	140,863
A T & T License Renewal--Operating	122	137,253	137,375	0	137,375
A T & T Broadband--Return line	30,000	0	30,000	0	30,000
Science Program Donations	4	0	4	0	4
Board of Selectmen-- General Donations	1,225	0	1,225	0	1,225
BRMC Donation-Exercise Instructor	427	0	427	0	427
Public Safety Donation (BJ s)	20,099	10,000	30,099	10,528	19,571
BJ s Site Plan (Traffic Lights)	26,000	0	26,000	0	26,000
Optical Receiver/Landscaping Donations	2,551	0	2,551	0	2,551
Civic Improvement Donation	5,000	0	5,000	0	5,000
Basketball Court Donations	181	0	181	86	95
Community Policing Donations	897	0	897	0	897
Tree Service Donations	6,300	0	6,300	0	6,300
Redstone Donation-Traffic Island	0	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
Park & Street Donations	4,648	0	4,648	0	4,648
Homework Club Donations	(313)	15,890	15,577	9,663	5,915
Athletic Hall of Fame Donations	590	4,291	4,881	0	4,881
Coca Cola Scoreboard	11,216	0	11,216	240	10,976
High School Field Restoration	77,672	0	77,672	1,700	75,972
Highland Village Townhomes	1,850	0	1,850	4,501	(2,651)
RCN Grant	89,090	73,000	162,090	158,942	3,148
Fire Alarm Build-out Program	0	37,257	37,257	32,240	5,017
Impact Study for T Mobile Cell Tower	0	37,750	37,750	36,566	1,184
Franklin Street Dunkin Donuts Study	0	11,269	11,269	11,013	256
Peer Review Study for Gutierrez Project	0	24,800	24,800	0	24,800
Memorial Day Parade Donations	200	1,148	1,348	0	1,348



	Balance 7/1/2003	Received FY 04	Total Available	Expended FY 04	Balance 6/30/2004
Stoneham Millenium Parade Donations	2,645	0	2,645	2,646	(1)
Ralph J. Arsenault Memorial Award	100	0	100	0	100
Total Gifts & Donations	335,844	533,176	869,020	321,691	547,328

# **Town of Stoneham** **Schedule of Capital Projects** **As of June 30, 2004**

<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>Balance 7/1/03</b>	<b>Received FY 04</b>	<b>Total Available</b>	<b>Expended FY 04</b>	<b>Balance 6/30/04</b>
Fire Station Design	0	60,000	60,000	38,000	22,000
Refurbish Fire Engine #4	0	130,000	130,000	38,431	91,569
Improve Town's Drainage	181,957	0	181,957	181,957	0
MWRA Water Rehabilitation Projects	582	0	582	0	582
Purchase Police Cruisers	0	110,000	110,000	81,921	28,079
Repair School Property	7,007	0	7,007	0	7,007
Renovate/Construct Schools	4,197,466	0	4,197,466	3,385,781	811,685
Renovate Police Station	48,140	0	48,140	15,840	32,300
Replace East School Boiler	2,550	0	2,550	0	2,550
Repair East School Roof	32,000	0	32,000	29,860	2,140
Drainage at 148 Franklin Street	8,000	0	8,000	8,000	0
Drainage at 41 Elm Street	25,000	0	25,000	0	25,000
Replace School Doors/Roof	0	620,660	620,660	620,000	660
School Technology Improvements	391	0	391	0	391
Purchase School Textbooks	885	0	885	0	885
<b>Total Capital Projects</b>	<b>4,503,978</b>	<b>920,660</b>	<b>5,424,638</b>	<b>4,399,791</b>	<b>1,024,847</b>

# Town of Stoneham

## Schedule of Expendable & Non-Expendable Trusts

### As of June 30, 2004

	Balance	Received	Total	Expended	Balance
Expendable Trust Funds	7/1/03	FY 04	Available	FY 04	6/30/04
Thomas Henry Jones Scholarship	668	0	668	0	668
Cemetery Perpetual Care-Income	249,222	0	249,222	28,000	221,222
Cemetery Perpetual Care Flower-Income	17,108	0	17,108	780	16,328
Matilda M. Dale Cemetery Fund	493	0	493	0	493
Mary Anna Hill Library	36,915	0	36,915	7,365	29,550
George W.L. Dike Library	9,402	0	9,402	0	9,402
E.J. & A.J. Tredrick, Jr., Library	13,614	0	13,614	0	13,614
Richardson Library	244	0	244	0	244
Annie B. Trowbridge Library	23,912	0	23,912	0	23,912
Peyton Library Fund	19,284	0	19,284	0	19,284
Ruth I. Best Library	5,461	0	5,461	0	5,461
Miriam M. Marsh Library	43,811	0	43,811	0	43,811
E.B. Davis Library	5,455	0	5,455	0	5,455
James A. MacDonald Medal	6,837	0	6,837	0	6,837
Annie B. Trowbridge Scholarship	6,092	0	6,092	0	6,092
T.R. & W.H. Qualters Scholarship	27,244	449	27,693	1,500	26,193
Ruth I. Best Scholarship	21,575	0	21,575	1,000	20,575
James Alden Stockwell Shade Tree	14,384	0	14,384	0	14,384
Sidney A. Hill Welfare Fund	36,901	0	36,901	0	36,901
Town Hall Organ Fund	161	250	411	0	411
Alice J. Durgin Welfare Fund	21,761	0	21,761	0	21,761
Stoneham War Memorial	4,284	0	4,284	210	4,075

	Balance 7/1/2003	Received FY 04	Total Available	Expended FY 04	Balance 6/30/2004
Town Scholarship Fund	4,467	163	4,630	0	4,630
Town Education Fund	2,759	132	2,891	0	2,891
Annie B. Brown Library	61,342	0	61,342	17,693	43,649
Henry Walcott Stockwell Trust Fund (COA)	2,785	11,980	14,765	12,864	1,901
Stockwell Nurse Fund	29,868	12,200	42,068	0	42,068
Robert O Keefe Trust Fund	2,916	350	3,266	0	3,266
Henry Walcott Stockwell Trust Fund (BOS)	3,547	0	3,547	0	3,547
Apalakis Library Trust-Stoneham History	105,427	0	105,427	505	104,922
Italian Development Trust	1,369	35,000	36,369	36,369	0
Other School Scholarships	0	31,698	31,698	30,075	1,623
Health Trust Fund	3,480	0	3,480	0	3,480
Stabilization Fund	1,324,413	1,081,129	2,405,542	1,201,851	1,203,691
Conservation - Ford Foundation Fund	1,561	0	1,561	0	1,561
Total Expendable Trust Funds	2,108,762	1,173,351	3,282,113	1,338,211	1,943,902
Non-Expendable Trust Funds					
Cemetery Perpetual Care-Principal	810,683	25,000	835,683	0	835,683
Cemetery Perpetual Care Flower - Principal	14,910	0	14,910	0	14,910
Thomas Henry Jones Scholarship	2,000	0	2,000	0	2,000
Alice J. Durgin Welfare Fund	3,000	0	3,000	0	3,000
Sidney A. Hill Welfare Fund	1,000	0	1,000	0	1,000
Total Non-Expendable Trust Funds	831,593	25,000	856,593	0	856,593
Total Trust Funds	2,940,355	1,198,351	4,138,706	1,338,211	2,800,495



	Balance 7/1/2003	Received FY 04	Total Available	Expended FY 04	Balance 6/30/2004
<b>Agency Funds</b>					
High School Activity Account	48,794	132,854	181,648	104,539	77,108
Middle School Activity Account	(3,888)	80,621	76,733	72,366	4,368
Robin Hood School Activity Account	5,774	416	6,190	0	6,190
<b>Total Agency Funds</b>	<b>50,680</b>	<b>213,890</b>	<b>264,570</b>	<b>176,905</b>	<b>87,666</b>

**Town of Stoneham**  
**DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE**  
**As of January 25, 2005**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012-2023	Total
Golf Course(Par 3)-Construction	74,600	71,875	69,100	66,275	63,400	60,475	57,500	106,000	569,225
Senior Center Renovation	116,994	113,204	109,415	104,125	100,450	96,775	93,013	407,750	1,141,725
Pro Shop/Golf Course	33,032	31,521	30,011	94,563					
Stoneham Arena	40,565	38,710	36,855	116,130					
Fire Truck	60,830	57,915	118,745						
Town Common	96,266	93,541	90,797	88,052	80,416	77,909	75,402	508,408	1,110,811
Police Station	380,826	370,271	359,716	349,161	338,615	328,060	317,504	2,140,805	4,584,958
Town Drainage	83,163	82,163	81,163	80,038	78,663	76,413	74,788	692,063	1,248,450
Street Lights	29,188	28,688	28,188	27,625	26,938	25,813	166,438		
School Textbooks	48,880	47,940	96,820						
School Technology	34,320	33,660	67,980						
Replace DPW Roof	17,133	16,923	16,698	16,404	16,084	15,738	15,278	134,864	249,121
Drainage at Elm/Franklin	2,951	2,921	2,886	2,835	2,779	2,718	2,637	22,312	42,040
East School Roof/Boiler	4,906	4,846	4,776	4,690	4,598	4,497	4,364	36,918	69,595
M. S. Roof and Doors (\$848,530 BAN @ 4%)		33,941							33,941
Relubish Fire Engine #4 (\$130,000 BAN @ 4%)		5,200							5,200
Purchase Police Cruisers (\$110,000 BAN @ 4%)		4,400							4,400
98145,451		2,400							2,400
Other--e.g. School Bleachers/Boiler (\$250,000 BAN @ 4%)		10,000							10,000
Amount Funded by General Fund	1,023,673	1,050,119	829,603	739,204	711,941	698,398	640,485	4,049,119	9,732,540

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012-2023	Total
School Renovation Projects (South School)	888,125	868,125	848,125	826,875	805,625	784,375	761,875	6,344,875	12,128,000
School Renovation Projects (Central School)	1,158,625	1,132,625	1,106,625	1,075,750	1,044,875	1,014,000	988,000	8,263,125	15,783,625
School Renov. Proj. (Robinhood)	997,950	985,950	973,950	960,450	943,950	916,950	897,450	8,304,750	14,981,400
School Renov. Proj. (Colonial)	943,110	932,310	920,430	904,905	888,030	869,805	845,505	8,391,735	14,695,830
Subtotal	3,987,810	3,919,010	3,849,130	3,767,980	3,682,480	3,585,130	3,492,830	31,304,485	57,588,955
less: SBA Reimbursement	(1,899,826)	(1,899,826)	(1,899,826)	(1,899,826)	(1,899,826)	(1,899,826)	(1,899,826)	(20,387,956)	(33,686,738)
Amount Funded by Debt Exclusion	2,087,984	2,019,184	1,949,304	1,868,154	1,782,654	1,685,304	1,593,004	10,916,529	23,902,117
MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project FY2004	52,679	52,679	52,679	52,679	210,716				
MWRA Sewer Rehab. Project FY2005 (ESTIMATED)	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	45,000	225,000			
Amount Funded by Sewer Rates	52,679	97,679	97,679	97,679	45,000	45,000	0	0	435,716
MWRA Water Rehab. Project	0								
MWRA Water Rehab. Project	0								
Amount Funded by Water Rates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	5,064,162	5,066,808	4,776,412	4,604,863	4,439,421	4,318,528	4,133,315	35,353,604	67,757,111

\*\$10,000,000\* .055=\$550,000 interest

\$10,000,000/20 years=\$500,000 principal



**TOWN OF STONEHAM**  
Budget vs Actual Summary  
As of June 30, 2004

**PERSONNEL**

Department	FY04 Budget	Current Month Expended	Year-to-date Expended	% Used	FY04 Budget	Current Month Expended	Year-to-date Expended	% Used	FY04 Budget	Current Month Expended	Year-to-date Expended	Encumbrances	Dept. Turnbacks
Town Moderator	3,850	337.48	3,849.72	99.99%	25	0.00	20.00	80.00%	3,875	337.48	3,869.72	0.00	5.28
Board of Selectmen	79,310	9,818.41	78,577.64	99.08%	22,447	7,260.17	21,313.30	95.12%	101,167	16,878.48	81,328.94	654.07	1,377.89
Town Administrator	31,652	32,654.34	286,693.12	91.40%	91,983	19,084.23	67,979.16	73.90%	405,645	51,738.57	354,072.28	38,655.46	12,317.28
Finance Board	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	3,889	0.00	3,266.76	82.62%	3,889	0.00	3,266.76	216.00	458.28
F&A Reserve Fund	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	9,000	0.00	0.00	0.00%	9,000	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,000.00
Town Accountant	190,837	20,884.69	180,868.02	94.82%	3,060	306.10	1,823.23	63.23%	183,897	21,190.78	182,221.66	0.00	1,766.43
Assessors	150,747	21,818.18	147,984.79	98.17%	11,300	1,023.83	11,188.73	99.10%	162,047	22,842.01	155,183.52	68.49	2,794.99
Town Treasurer	229,041	25,639.09	226,232.02	98.65%	28,826	8,618.94	23,826.42	82.38%	277,866	31,169.03	255,482.54	7,942.89	1,420.77
Town Counsel	92,875	9,875.54	92,874.09	100.00%	25,451	2,583.70	23,435.69	92.08%	118,326	12,469.24	116,309.78	1,947.59	168.83
Data Processing	73,187	13,803.91	72,003.72	98.48%	95,829	1,868.25	91,244.81	95.24%	139,018	16,048.16	128,348.23	12,422.47	526.30
Town Clerk	133,239	13,677.81	130,372.68	97.85%	8,545	1,157.21	6,395.73	74.85%	141,784	14,834.82	136,768.41	1,075.00	3,940.59
Exec. & Reg.	31,021	3,463.17	28,281.81	91.20%	40,046	3,777.96	31,106.37	77.88%	71,070	16,231.18	60,400.28	9,982.17	3,077.84
Whip Hill Park	42,115	4,749.50	42,113.48	100.00%	8,251	1,267.82	7,325.63	88.79%	50,366	6,017.32	49,438.31	642.07	284.62
Comm. Dev./Planning	66,416	10,600.95	68,074.35	99.60%	1,969	178.80	1,862.07	94.70%	90,434	16,372.04	90,438.42	0.00	377.68
Public Property Maint.	49,685	5,065.04	48,787.57	98.19%	78,112	10,047.93	69,860.04	89.59%	127,797	15,112.87	118,787.61	7,675.75	1,363.64
Police	318,918	392,285.15	3,151,754.81	98.81%	262,446	66,897.70	3,882,662.92	90.16%	3,482,974	438,142.88	2,718,787.35	21,837.76	59,088.77
Traffic Directors	153,000	15,880.80	149,305.57	97.59%	4,500	2,007.30	2,489.50	55.32%	157,500	16,117.80	151,795.07	0.00	5,704.93
Dispatchers	286,563	33,224.52	278,900.87	97.57%	5,020	1,836.33	2,821.31	56.20%	291,483	36,043.84	287,411.81	0.00	9,371.02
Fire	2,696,723	325,494.17	2,686,146.43	99.89%	156,100	11,611.81	142,147.34	91.06%	2,842,823	337,105.58	2,828,293.77	10,914.14	3,815.09
Building & Wm.	220,305	28,268.50	28,273.81	99.98%	12,071	2,664.69	12,743.36	106.03%	283,283	28,863.49	282,657.20	3,180.00	8,830.00
Civil Defense	22,828	8,400.00	22,743.32	99.62%	5,029	613.00	3,740.10	74.37%	27,858	9,013.00	26,483.42	0.00	1,374.58
Schools	17,371,367	1,619,060.06	17,865,365.85	100.65%	4,407,241	556,375.15	4,218,042.88	95.70%	21,878,158	2,664,335.33	21,803,403.54	74,726.46	0.00
NE Regional Voc	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	359,324	0.00	359,324.00	100.00%	359,324	0.00	359,324.00	0.00	0.00
Public Works	646,433	64,367.75	380,621.45	61.85%	2,059,437	241,980.86	1,843,066.71	92.47%	2,994,970	318,328.83	2,772,581.10	111,317.10	100,871.85
Board of Health	127,029	14,884.73	123,567.79	97.28%	7,146	570.82	6,924.02	92.70%	134,175	15,465.55	130,191.81	382.80	3,600.39
Council on Aging	127,877	16,066.55	128,664.85	98.99%	50,810	4,197.03	46,363.17	95.81%	178,387	18,262.83	174,976.02	341.72	3,187.28
Youth Commission	77,661	10,362.24	77,652.13	99.89%	1,675	0.00	1,675.00	100.00%	79,336	10,362.24	79,327.13	0.00	8.87
Veterans Service	10,600	1,243.84	10,478.42	98.79%	62,360	601.00	62,235.33	99.77%	72,880	1,844.84	72,157.75	0.00	188.28
Public Library	515,707	54,807.80	499,648.39	96.89%	188,631	28,702.30	163,503.29	86.68%	704,338	83,610.10	663,151.68	11,607.75	29,578.57
Unicorn Golf Course	240,266	28,894.05	235,741.02	98.13%	330,690	108,338.66	311,968.80	94.26%	870,918	137,523.71	847,708.82	4,837.81	18,877.87
Unicorn Golf	181,468	18,832.03	178,251.56	98.23%	276,386	31,426.93	253,096.80	91.57%	457,854	51,268.88	431,348.36	22,874.29	3,631.35
Maturing Debt	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	3,008,200	0.00	2,969,000.00	99.66%	3,008,200	0.00	2,983,000.00	10,000.00	3,800.00
Interest	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	2,191,180	0.00	2,173,063.88	99.17%	2,191,180	0.00	2,173,063.88	18,000.00	116.12
Non-Contributory	66,132	5,028.48	65,794.74	99.49%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	72,880	8,038.46	85,784.76	0.00	337.29
Contributory	2,703,224	0.00	2,703,224.00	100.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	2,703,224	0.00	2,703,224.00	0.00	0.00
Capital	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	88,246	4,261.87	87,669.79	94.36%	88,246	4,261.87	87,669.79	10,328.00	360.31
Unclassified	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	2,333,336	154,699.56	2,158,608.20	92.51%	2,333,336	154,699.56	2,158,608.20	154,899.78	19,838.32
Non-Departmental	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	40,136	3,980.97	33,624.41	83.53%	40,136	3,980.97	33,624.41	335.37	9,277.22

Sewer	377,603	39,965.56	374,325.09	99.13%	73,025	10,946.65	61,230.18	83.85%	460,128	50,912.21	435,555.27	11,753.35	3,310.38
Inter governmental	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	3,394,481	0.00	3,369,300.42	99.26%	3,394,481	0.00	3,369,300.42	0.00	28,090.88
Maturing Debt	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	101,266	0.00	101,266.00	100.00%	101,266	0.00	101,266.00	0.00	0.00
Interest	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL SEWER</b>	<b>377,603</b>	<b>39,965.56</b>	<b>374,325.09</b>	<b>99.13%</b>	<b>3,568,772</b>	<b>10,946.65</b>	<b>3,531,886.60</b>	<b>98.97%</b>	<b>3,946,375</b>	<b>50,912.21</b>	<b>3,906,311.69</b>	<b>11,753.35</b>	<b>28,409.94</b>
Water	492,143	45,814.25	478,808.32	97.29%	159,675	24,791.07	139,579.39	88.45%	648,118	70,605.32	617,386.71	10,837.61	20,993.68
Inter governmental	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	2,329,876	0.00	2,308,713.55	98.82%	2,329,876	0.00	2,308,713.55	0.00	22,861.88
Maturing Debt	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	18,970	0.00	18,969.60	100.00%	18,970	0.00	18,969.60	0.00	0.40
Interest	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00%	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL WATER</b>	<b>492,143</b>	<b>45,814.25</b>	<b>478,808.32</b>	<b>97.29%</b>	<b>2,309,320.60</b>	<b>24,791.07</b>	<b>2,264,281.94</b>	<b>98.22%</b>	<b>2,797,463</b>	<b>70,605.32</b>	<b>2,743,070.26</b>	<b>10,837.61</b>	<b>43,555.13</b>



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The mission of the Stoneham Office of Community Development is to work with local, state, and national government officials and agencies, organizations (both public and private), private businesses, developers, investors, community groups and professionals to retain, expand and attract opportunities for Stoneham and its residents, and to promote the highest quality of development through the coordination of land use matters, and sound planning practices, all through a proactive approach and team effort.

The Office of Community Development includes the support staff for the Planning Board, Board of Appeals and Conservation Commission. During the year Paulette Gerry joined the staff as Senior Office Assistant.

The Stoneham Imagine Community Master Plan and the Community Plan (as mandated by EO418) were completed during the year. The Board of Selectmen voted to accept the Community Master Plan and as the year came to a close was preparing to appoint two teams of volunteers to marshal the programs forward. Many volunteers contributed to the shaping of the document that will serve as a "road-map" for the decision makers and community leaders as the Town moves forward. Implementation of the Plan will be done with the intent of making Stoneham more competitive and to strengthen the Town's ability to secure funding from the state and private sources for projects, programs and initiatives. The Community Master Plan has been crafted on a parallel track to the Community Plan and is built around eight core elements, cultural, education, preservation, open space & recreation, development, public safety, infrastructure and governance.

The Community Plan is a four element plan that has been mandated by the State through Executive Order 418. The Plan presents the Town's intended direction as it pertains to housing, economic development, transportation, and open space & preservation. An outside consultant, RKG Associates was retained to complete the housing element of the Plan. The other elements were done in-house using the expertise of the professional staff and volunteers. A planning grant of \$30,000 that was made available through the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) paid the cost of the consultant.

The Stoneham **Invests** Business Program was initiated this year. The program is funded through the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (MA DHCD) and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (US HUD) as a CDBG Ready Resource Grant. In addition two local banks, Stoneham Savings Bank and StonehamBank have provided matching funds in support of the business loan component of the Program. The grant amount was \$385,000. The total program funding is \$635,000.

As the year came to a close the Town made its first business loan under the Program. The loan was made to Jess Moss. Jess is a fashion designer, a Stoneham resident and graduate of the Mass College of Art.

In addition the program provided Technical Assistance and Entrepreneurial Training programs for local businesses.

The Office of Community Development serves as the lead for the Project Review Team, which was established to streamline and improve the process for review of commercial and large-scale residential projects. The Project Review Team has been active in the consideration of a number of local projects including, the Residences at Stoneham Square, 409-413 Main Street, Eastern Bank, 9 Central Street and a variety of other projects that will add to the new growth of the community.

The Office of Community Development continues to work with a number of other Town departments in an effort to secure outside funding.

The OCD Coordinator served as the Town's representative on the MAPC Metro-Future Regional Master Planning Team, the MAPC Economic Development Committee, the 95/93 Interchange Task Force and the MBTA Advisory Committee.

The Office of Community Development staff thanks the elected officials, the Town Administrator, other Town Department personnel, volunteers, the public, State and Federal organizations, regional planning groups, the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce, The Stoneham Business Roundtable, and all those that have made the past year successful.

A special thanks to Karyn Incatasciato who served as the interim Senior Office Assistant for the greater part of 2004.

## COUNCIL ON AGING

The mission of the Stoneham Council on Aging is to provide outstanding services to seniors by welcoming all to the Senior Center, treating people with kindness, respect and dignity, offering supportive services for social, nutritional and medical needs and providing outreach to all seniors in our community.

The Council on Aging Board of Directors, comprised of eleven community members, meets once a month with the director to discuss our services, mission and ways to improve services.

The Senior Center relies heavily on a volunteer support staff. Last year, the Rotary recognized our fifty volunteers who give many hours to the center by assisting with telephone and receptionist duties, mailings, teaching classes and assisting with our meal-site. This year a new group of volunteers have formed a non-profit entitled the Stoneham Senior Citizen Assistance League as a fund-raising component to support our center. This group has held several fund-raising activities and has developed further plans for the upcoming year. We also have had volunteer students from Malden Catholic High School and an Eagle Scout who repaired and repainted the deck of the Senior Center.

Our strength lies with our substantial community support. The seniors of Stoneham appreciate the fine work that is done by our dedicated staff. This past year we gave 2,804 medical rides to Stoneham seniors. We continue to prioritize our rides enabling those people who need transportation to dialysis, chemotherapy and radiation appointments preference.

Our meal site continues to grow as people now have a choice of a hot or cold meal five days per week. Our lunch is now served on china with volunteer wait staff adding to the appeal of our dining program.

While word-of-mouth often tends to be the best way to advertise our services, we do publish a monthly newsletter prepared by the director. Also, weekly press releases are printed in our local newspapers. Many of our activities are posted throughout the town as well as on the local cable television station.

The arts have played a significant role in the new activities at the center. Recently, a group of artists have set up a work area in the basement. This group has on-going art exhibits in the lobby of the building as well as advertised showings during the year. We have been amazed at the number of talented members we have at our center.

We continue to offer many health programs and collaborate with Winchester Hospital, Melrose-Wakefield Hospital, the Board of Health, and other agencies to



bring many health related clinics, fairs, lectures, and materials to our seniors. We work closely with Mystic Valley Elder Services in identifying those seniors in need of additional services such as homecare, meals-on-wheels, protective services and nursing home placement.

Our Senior Center has a fine reputation of offering a myriad of services to all our seniors. From the most independent to the frailest of seniors, we work very hard to make sure we meet all their needs. We thank all our community leaders, businesses, friends, members, staff, volunteers, and especially the seniors for their continued support. As the Federal census estimates an increase in our senior population over the next few years, we feel we are prepared to meet our future goals with enthusiasm and dedication.

Jane Lavender, Director



# STONEHAM FIRE/RESCUE & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## Mission and Vision Statement

TO PROTECT LIFE, PROPERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

TO MAINTAIN THE PUBLIC TRUST AND PREVENT HARM IN OUR COMMUNITY

TO CONTINUALLY UPDATE AND MAINTAIN THE COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY PLAN

## Stoneham EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RISK ANALYSIS SUMMARY

1. Stoneham is at high risk for:
  - Blizzards, hurricanes, and other types of severe storms which carry high winds, heavy precipitation and extreme temperatures
  - The power outages, which often accompany such storms.
  - Stoneham's location on Rtes. 93 and 28 put it at high risk for both hazmat-related and non-hazmat related highway accidents.
  - The risk for urban fire is high, because the town has many areas in which older structures (mostly wooden) are in close proximity to each other.
2. Stoneham's proximity to Logan Airport and other smaller north-of Boston airports puts it at moderately high risk for:
  - Air crash occurrence.
3. Like the rest of Massachusetts, Stoneham is at moderate risk for:
  - Earthquake occurrence and impact.
  - The community rates the potential for hazardous materials accidents at fixed sites as being a moderate risk.
4. The town's risk is moderate for:
  - Dam failure with three medium hazard dams,
  - Drought/water shortage, based on past history and their knowledge of the town.
5. Although rare, tornado activity is not unknown in the greater Boston area prompting a low/moderate risk rating for:
  - Tornado occurrence

6. Stoneham is at low risk for:

- Severe flooding,
- Forest fire,
- Water contamination,
- Nuclear incident,
- Rioting, and
- Terrorism

7. At no risk for rail accidents.

This past calendar year 2004, Stoneham Fire/Rescue, continues to evaluate our priorities and emergency planning and response, in order to protect our citizens, because, our first line of defense is, and always has been our public safety personnel. Our basic priorities is to operate efficiently, effectively and safely in the following areas:

1. Emergency Operations
2. Fire Prevention and Public Education Programs
3. Continuous professional development and training

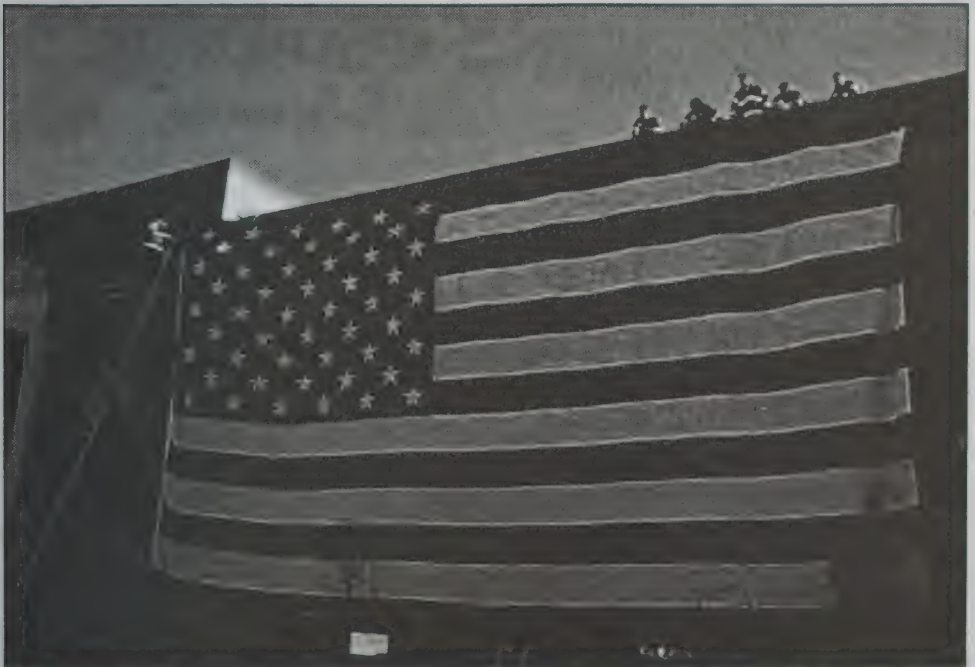
Our firefighters are a team of professionals. When our firefighters respond to any emergency, they respond as a team. Each team member must execute multiple tasks efficiently in order to be successful. A failure to execute our tasks may result in injuries and even unnecessary death(s). In order to properly execute our assigned tasks we must be given the proper level of personnel. We can only perform our duties effectively if we are provided the needed personnel and resources. Unfortunately, we have not been able to perform efficiently on far too many days, throughout the years, due to severe budget restraints, which has resulted in inadequate staffing levels.

There have been and continue to be serious concerns regarding this Department's ability to operate efficiently and effectively due to our being short-staffed. The Department staffing has been impacted due to lack of funding, long-term injury situations and military personnel call-ups. FF James McLaughlin Jr. has been serving in Iraq throughout the year; FF Sean Fitzgerald has served in Guantanamo Bay from January through July; FF Justin Petrillo has served in Bosnia from January through May. The Department is justifiably proud of their contributions to our country and has demonstrated that pride in augmenting the salaries of these men, while they serve.

The Department purchased a 2005 model heavy-duty pick-up truck, which was sorely needed. Additionally, Engine 4 was completely rehabilitated and will serve as a solid and reliable reserve Engine, for several years.

On the staffing problem, the Department was forced to lay-off three of our most recent hires. Melissa Wells, Stephen Purcell and Paul Doherty were hired in November of 2002 and were Certified Firefighter Level II, by the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy at considerable cost to the Town. Each recruit Firefighter costs the Town an estimated \$18,000 to outfit and send to the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. Our loss of these well-trained firefighters is another community's gain, as all three were hired by other communities.

The military activation impact on the FY04 & FY05 budgets thus far is over 4392 hours. The department has also experienced an inordinate number of long-term injury-on-duty. The impact for these long-term injury-on-duty on the FY05 budget is 3072 hours. Along with the aforementioned military activation absences, there is a total of 7464 hours that have and will impact the FY 04 & FY05 budgets. As previously reported, the Department was forced to lay-off three of our Firefighter staff in July, due to budget shortfalls and cannot replace two retired Firefighters, dramatically impacting our staffing levels. Because of these many issues we have fallen short in funding this need and it has forced the department to take an Engine Company out of service for over 230 days and nights, or over 65% of the year 2004. This is not an optimal situation due to the liability this places the Town of Stoneham, not to mention the decreased level of efficiency, effectiveness and safety of our firefighters, and the community.



STONEHAM FIRE/RESCUE MEMBERS OF GROUP2  
HELPING OUT FOR VETERANS DAY



We congratulate two of our long time Firefighters who have retired. FF William "Doc" Dockery retired after over 34 years with Stoneham Fire. Doc also served as a Fire Alarm lineman and served as Superintendent of Fire Alarm for over six years. FF Michael "Irish Mike" Flynn who retires after almost 25 years with Stoneham Fire. "Irish Mike", is a long-time EMT and served as Stoneham's Emergency Medical Coordinator for over eight years.



**MICHAEL "IRISH MIKE" FLYNN**  
Served since 1/28/1980  
Retired 1/13/05



**WILLIAM "DOC" DOCKERY**  
Served since 7/1/196  
Retired 10/28/04

### **"MANY THANKS TO TWO GREAT JAKES"**

We once again have seen many new businesses and renovations in Town, which has required much oversight of our fire prevention office to assure that the needed fire protection systems have been engineered and installed. It is imperative that these functions continue in the future to assure that buildings are kept fire-safe. We have received only \$1,300.00 in the SAFE grant for the public fire education program.

Stoneham Emergency Management received \$12,600.00 for the training and equipment for Emergency Management Team members. Many thanks go to Fire Captain Jim McLaughlin as well as Lt. Herbert Moore and Sgt. James McIntyre of the Stoneham Police Department the work in researching and acquiring this grant. Many thanks also to Fire Captain Webber for his work in developing the Stoneham Emergency Management Team concept and participation in the local and regional table-top exercises and meetings. Stoneham, as a member of the Mystic Region Emergency Planning Committee, with 14 other communities is able to share resources in the event on a major disaster, natural or man-made. The Department also received two Professional Development Grants and a Radio and Mobile Data Terminal Grant from Metrofire Inc. totaling over \$6,000.00



Training goals, continue to be an area of great importance. With our ever-vigilant eye on safety for our firefighters we are constantly training on new equipment and techniques to keep our firefighters and the Community safe. Unfortunately, needed outside agency training has been eliminated due to budget constraints.

Calendar year 2004 marked a busy year with 3085 emergency responses. An area in which we once again continue to be lacking has been in the area of initial response to emergency calls. National Standards and an official report from the Insurance Services Office as well as the MMA Consulting Group's Study have required an increase in our initial response to fires with a minimum of eight personnel. To accomplish this, a conscious effort must be made by the leaders of this Community to properly fund and staff this Department. Many times this year we have had to take an engine company out of service due to budget shortfalls. I have consistently advocated the creation of new positions or additional funds for overtime costs in order for our personnel to be able to do our job efficiently, effectively and safely. This will also provide a basic level of expectation that our firefighters will be able to go home to their families and loved ones at the end of their tour of duty, which most Americans already enjoy, as a basic expectation.

In closing, I would like to thank Deputy Fire Chief James Halpin for his diligence and professionalism in assisting me in the operations of the department, as well as the Officers & Firefighters of Stoneham Fire/Rescue for all their help this past year. Many thanks also go to Town Administrator Ronald Florino and his staff, the Board of Selectmen and Finance & Advisory Board for their support.

Sincerely  
Lawrence S. Lamey  
Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

MANY IN THE COMMUNITY HAVE REQUESTED A LIST OF FIRE ALARM BOX LOCATIONS TO BE PUBLISHED.

**STONEHAM BOX LOCATIONS  
REVISED 10/16/00**

BOX #	AND LOCATION
14	38 Montvale Ave.
15	St. Patrick's Church--Pomworth St.
161	39 Pleasant St.- Basement Smoke Detectors
162	39 Pleasant St. - Basement Pull Station
163	39 Pleasant St. - 1st Floor Smoke Detectors
164	39 Pleasant St. - 1st Floor Pull Station
165	39 Pleasant St. - 2nd Floor Smoke Detectors
166	39 Pleasant St. - 2nd Floor Pull Station

BOX #	AND LOCATION
167	39 Pleasant St. - 2nd Floor YMCA Duct Smoke Detectors
168	39 Pleasant St. - 2nd Floor M/W Duct Smoke Detectors
169	39 Pleasant St. - Basement Tamper Switch
1611	39 Pleasant St. - Basement Water Flow
1612	39 Pleasant St. - Exterior Pull Station
1613	39 Pleasant St. - Unassigned
171	Redstone Shopping Center at Marshall's
172	Redstone Shopping Center at Ames
1721	Ames, Outside Pull Station
1722	Ames, Inside Pull Station
1723	Ames, Smoke Detectors
1724	Ames, Water Flow Alarm
1725	Ames, Tamper Switch
1726	Ames, Duct Smoke Detectors
173	Redstone Shopping Center at Shaw's Supermarket
174	Redstone Shopping Center--front on the south side
175	Redstone Shopping Center--rear
177	Redstone Shopping Center at Cherry, Webb & Touraine
178	Redstone Shopping Center at Ground Round
1939	Town Hall, 35 Central St.
211	Franklin Street near Emerald Ct.
2113	Stoneham High School--149 Franklin St.
2116	BrookMeadows Condos--135 Franklin St.
2117	BrookMeadows Condos--137 Franklin St.
2118	BrookMeadows Condos--133 Franklin St.
2119	BrookMeadows Condos--131 Franklin St.
212	Franklin St and Plaza Ave.
2121	Walsh Ave and Lake Ave.
2123	Villa Grande--157 Franklin St, front of the building
2124	Villa Grande--159 Franklin St, rear of the building
213	Perkins St and North Ave.
214	Franklin St. and Isabella
2141	Isabella and Ferdinand
215	Avalon Rd and Hampton Rd
2151	Colonial Park School--Avalon Rd
216	Newcomb Rd and Perkins St.
221	Sunset and Rustic
223	Rustic and Fieldstone
225	Fieldstone and Citation
23	Central Fire Station-- 25 Central St.
24	Green St, opposite #135
241	Green St. at #237

BOX #	AND LOCATION
242	Green St. at Crescent Ave.
243	Longbow at Fairlane
244	Barbara Rd
245	Valdora and Barbara
25	Pleasant St. near Spring St.
251	Gould St. at Highland Ave.
252	Summer St. and Pleasant St.
257	Franklin St. and Summer St.
26	Spring St. opposite Stevens St.
261	Bow St. Ct and Brookbridge Rd.
27	Franklin and Summer
271	Summer and Summerhill
28	Spring and Beacon
281	Spring and East
2811	12 Beacon St. (old East School)
2812	Eastern Ave and Michael Circle
2813	Crystal Drive at #12
282	Spring at Lotus
283	Cricklewood and Tamarock Terrace
284	Pebble Place and Rivers Lane
285	Landers and Spring Lane
286	Hall Road at #20
287	Applehill Lane @ #6
31	Hancock and Dean Streets
311	West Hancock and Atwood
32	Maple and Chestnut Streets
321	Cedar Ave and Maple Street
3212	Glenside Apartments--5Glen Rd
33	Maple and Manison Streets
3313	4 Manison St.
3314	12 Manison St.
3321	90 Maple St.
3331	100 Maple Street Building A
3332	100 Maple Street Building B
34	Marble and Park Streets
341	Park Street opposite RT 93 exit
3411	Chesterton Company
3412	200 Fallon Drive--Kintetsu World Exp.
3413	100 Fallon Drive--Servomation
342	Hill Street
3421	RT 93 at Marble Street bridge
3422	Gates Condos--146 Marble St (right side of building)
3423	Gates Condos--148 Marble St (back of building)

BOX #	AND LOCATION
3424	Gates Condos--144 Marble St (left side of building)
3426	Hillside Gardens--complex master box
3427	Hillside Gardens--street box at rear of complex
35	Warren St and Winthrop Square
351	Winthrop St and Congress St
352	Marble St and Lincoln
3521	Benton St. Condos--12 Benton St.
36	Main and Marble Streets
361	Main St. and Peabody Rd.
3611	South School--Summer Street
3612	Greystone Apartments--555 Main Street
362	Main St. and Wilson Rd.
3621	RT 93 at RT 28 bridge
363	Gretstone and Summit Roads
37	Woodland Rd. and Pond St.
371	B.R.M.C. grounds
3711	B.R.M.C. Ruble Wing
3713	B.R.M.C. Main Entrance
3714	B.R.M.C. Medical Arts Building
3715	B.R.M.C. Physicians Office Building
3716	B.R.M.C. Administration
3717	Life Care Center, 25 Woodland Road
372	Phillips Rd. and Fellsway East
373	Park Terrace Apartments--West Wyoming Ave.
3741	Fellsvue Terrace Apartments--Fellsway East
38	Summer and Pond Streets
381	Pond St and Gorham Ave.
3811	Edgewood School--Pond St.
382	Campbell Rd. and Pond St.
3821	M.D.C Garage--rear of the building
383	Pond Street opposite Meddlesex Fells Office
386	Skyewood Drive at #10
41	Lindenwood Road at West Street
411	Joan and Butler Avenues
42	Montvale Avenue at #73
4211	Foxcroft Appartments--71 Montvale Avenue
4212	100 Ledgewood Drive--South Building
4213	200 Ledgewood Drive--North Building
4215	100 Mountainview Drive--Right Building
4216	200 Mountainview Drive--Back Building
4217	300 Mountainview Drive--Left Building
4218	Stoneham Oaks, Montvale Ave.
42181	Stoneham Arena-- 101 Montvale Avenue



BOX #	AND LOCATION
4219	92 Montvale Avenue
4221	91 Montvale Avenue--Exec. Park
4223	48 Montvale Avenue
4224	80 Montvale Avenue
4225	88 Montvale Ave
42241	80 Montvale Ave, Stoneham Bank tamper swich
42242	80 Montvale Ave, Stoneham Bank 1st Floor smoke & pulls
42243	80 Montvale Ave, Stoneham Bank 2nd floor smoke & pulls
42244	80 Montvale Ave, Stoneham Bank water flow
42245	80 Montvale Ave, Stoneham Bank spare
42246	80 Montvale Ave, Stoneham Bank elevator smoke
42261	54 Montvale Ave, Montvale Plaza pulls and smokes
42262	54 Montvale Ave, Montvale Plaza water flow
42263	54 Montvale Ave, Montvale Plaza tamper switch
42264	54 Montvale Ave, Montvale Plaza 1st floor kitchen
42265	54 Montvale Ave, Montvale Plaza 2nd floor kitchen
43	Forest Street opposite Dewitt Road
431	Berkley Street and Drury Lane
44	Main Street and Montvale Avenue
441	Main Street and Lindenwood Road
4411	Rosetree Plaza--Main Street
442	Flint Avenue and Rowe Street
45	Main and Elm Streets
451	Oak Street at #40
4511	Albion Avenue at Kays Road
4513	Stoneham Ford--185 Main Street
4516	Monterosa--Building 1--159A Main Street--Back Right
4517	Monterosa--Building 2--159C Main Street--Left
4518	Monterosa--Building 3--159B Main Street--Front Right
452	Oak Street at Weld Road
4521	Robinhood School--Magnolia Terrace
453	Bonad Road at Myopia
454	Governor Road at Myopia
455	Rodgers Road and Spruce Street
456	Alden Avenue at #17
46	William Street opposite West Street
461	Opposite 391 William Street
462	William Street and Dewitt Road
4621	Cedar Street at Woburn/Reading Line
4622	Arnold House--490 William Street
4623	BJ's Wholesale, Cedar St.
4624	Unicorn Golf Course, William St.
47	Main Street before Broadway (both sides)

BOX #	AND LOCATION
471	Main and George Streets (both sides)
4711	Buckingham Terrace--64,66,68 Main Street
4713	Stoneview Appartments--52 Main Street
4715	Stoneham Savings Bank--88 Main Street
472	North Street near Bear Hill Golf Club
4721	Leisure Manor--100 & 200 Leisure Lane
4722	Bear Hill Golf Club, 5 North Street
4723	2 Main St.
4724	Seville Condos--40 Main Street--Front Building
4725	Seville Condos--44 Main Street--Back Building
4731	Stonehill Towers--Building #1
4733	Stonehill Towers--Building #3
4735	Stonehill Towers--Building #5
4737	Stonehill Towers--Building #7
48	North Street and Northgate Road
481	Forest and Oak Streets
4811	Forest Street at #49
482	North Street at Crosby
49	Curve Road at Moulton Avenue
491	Wildwood Lane and Evergreen Road
492	Erickson and Arlene Avenue
493	Hanford and Rose Lane
494	Wagner and Elaine
495	Constitution at #12
51	Elm and Waverly
511	High Street opposite #32
5111	Elm Street at #41
512	High Street and Broadway
5121	Towncrest Drive at #28
513	Bearhill Road and High Street
514	Macarthur Road and Hillside Avenue
515	Marshall Road and Lawndale
516	Lawndale Road at #12
517	Park Avenue at Wakefield line
52	Elm and Washington Streets
521	Seward Street and Chase Road
522	Keene Street and Cowdry
53	Pomeworth and Williams Streets
531	Washington Street and Washington Avenue
5311	Calthea Street at #45 (housing project)
532	Avon and Myrtle Streets
5321	Washington Avenue at #44 (housing project)
5322	Parker Chase Road--Elderly Housing

BOX #	AND LOCATION
533	Central School--25 William Street
5331	Central Arms Apartments--32 Pomworth Street
5332	Pomeworth Condos--43 Pomeworth Street
54	Elm Street and Brackett Avenue
5411	Duncklee Avenue--Elderly Housing
5421	Council on Aging--136 Elm Street
551	South School
552	South School, 1st Floor
553	South School, 1st Floor
554	South School, 2nd Floor
555	South School, 2nd Floor
556	South School, 3rd Floor
557	South School, 3rd Floor
558	South School, Boiler Room
559	South School, 3rd Floor
5511	South School
5512	South School
5513	South School
56	Central Street and Wescott Road
561	Collincote Street and Endicott Road
5611	MRed Sneakers Day Care--Collincote Street
562	Steele and Collincote Streets
61	Franklin and Pine Streets(master box for the Credit Union)
611	Pine and Middle Streets
6112	Fuller House--32 Franklin Street
6113	Boy's Club--Dale Court
612	Hancock and Pond Streets
62	Pine and Gould Streets
6211	Stoneham Municipal Garage
6221	Allance House--38 Pleasant Street
63	Main Street and Central Square
631	Hersam and Wright Streets
6311	Emerson Condos--Wright Street
6312	Stoneham Savings Bank, 359 Main Street
632	Main and Church Streets
6321	Congregational Church--Main Street
6331	Love's Furniture--Central Square
6332	Maynard Moore Company--430 Main Street
6333	Stoneham Public Library--Main Street
64	Central and Common Streets
641	Central and Union Streets
6411	Unitarian Church--Central and Common Streets
642	Central and Williams Streets

BOX #	AND LOCATION
6421	Middle School--101 Central Street
6455	MassBank--240 Main Street
65	Main and Hancock Streets
652	Spencer Street at #25

## **FIRE ALARM**

The Fire Alarm truck is a 2001 Ford utility truck with a 1996 refurbished Versa-lift boom. It is equipped with tools needed to maintain the fire alarm system.

The Stoneham Fire Alarm crew is made up of Superintendent John Scullin, Scott Greenleaf, Paul Dockery, Edward S. Manuel, Mike O'Sullivan and Robert Dunphy. Stoneham has nine working circuits, four of which are dedicated to our mutual aid communities of Melrose, Wakefield, Reading and Winchester. The Town of Stoneham has one hundred and fifty-four street boxes and one hundred and fifty master boxes that are maintained by the fire alarm crew.

In cooperation with RCN over 80% of the fire alarm system has been rebuilt and/or refurbished and is in excellent condition.

Respectfully submitted

John Scullin  
Superintendent of Fire Alarm



# **FIRE INVESTIGATION UNIT ANNUAL REPORT 2004**

The Fire Investigation Unit (FIU) of the Stoneham Fire Department consists of Members of the Stoneham Fire and Police Departments, and is responsible for investigating fires and any explosions that occur within the Town. The members of the FIU are Deputy Fire Chief James Halpin, Fire Lieutenant Frank Gould, Firefighter Michael O'Sullivan and Police Sergeant James McIntyre.

Within the past year the FIU investigated six incidents consisting of three residential fires, two commercial building fires, and one fire within an apartment building. One fire was of suspicious origin.

Members of the FIU worked closely with representatives from the State Fire Marshal's Office, Massachusetts State Police Bomb Squad, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Each month, members of the FIU attend training sessions sponsored by the Metro Fire/Arson Investigators Association and the Massachusetts Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators.

## **TRAINING ANNUAL REPORT 2004**

The Fire Department continued its training mission throughout the past year. The training mission statement continues to be "Knowing your town and Knowing your Equipment."

The Fire Department regularly trains with rescue tools, self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), ground and aerial ladders, forcible entry tools, water rescue, thermal imaging, Carbon monoxide and natural gas detection, pumping operations, air bags, vehicle extrication, and pre-fire planning throughout the year. Many buildings under construction are walked through by the four suppression groups to gain familiarity of the

Buildings. The walks through helps the groups develop strategies should an incident occur in these structures.

The State Fire Academy also developed procedures the department needed to adopt in order to deal with specific situations. The State procedures were developed for a Statewide Mass Decontamination System and Suspicious Envelope Evaluation Procedures (SEEP). The Statewide Mass Decontamination System was in place before the Democratic National Convention, as the State of Massachusetts was planning for anything and everything during that week in July.

In addition to our in-house training agenda, outside agencies were brought in to train the department in Hazardous Materials First Responder Operations and Driver Awareness for the Emergency Vehicle Operator.

The Department's twenty-one Emergency Medical Technicians earned many continuing education credits and re-certifications throughout the year.

The training division would like to thank Police Chief Gregory O'Keefe and his staff for the use of the Police Department state-of-the-art training room. In these times of fiscal restraint, sharing of resources is how the missions are accomplished. It is the combined, interdepartmental training that creates multi-agency communication and coordination.

Respectfully submitted

Captain Joseph W. Rolli

# **FIRE DEPARTMENT MOTORIZED EQUIPMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2004**

- ENGINE ONE:** 2001 American LaFrance Eagle 1,250 gpm pump. It is our busiest piece of apparatus.
- ENGINE FOUR:** This 1989 Emergency One 1,000 gpm pump was recently refurbished and is back in service.
- ENGINE FIVE:** A 1986 Pirsch 1,000 gpm pump. This is now our reserve pump.
- LADDER ONE:** a 1995 Emergency One Quint. It is equipped with a 100 ft. heavy Duty ladder and a 1,250 gpm pump.
- CAR ONE:** A 2002 Ford Explorer. Car One is assigned to the Chief of the Department.
- CAR TWO:** A 1997 Ford Crown Victoria assigned to the Deputy Chief.
- CAR THREE:** a 1997 Ford Explorer assigned to Fire Prevention.
- CAR FOUR:** A 2005 Ford F350 Crew Cab.
- CAR FIVE:** A 2001 Ford F450 with a Versa-lift bucket. This truck is used in the maintenance of the fire alarm system.
- RESCUE BOAT:** A 2000 15 foot Boston Whaler with a 40hp Mercury out-board.

Respectfully submitted

John J. Scullin  
Firefighter/Mechanic

# STONEHAM AUXILIARY FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2004

## Personnel

Aux. Chief Rick Hastings  
Aux. Capt. Dave Eastman  
Aux. Lieut Jim Belschner

Aux. Firefighter Michelle Konency  
Aux. Firefighter Jim Doherty  
Aux. Firefighter Shara Hastings  
Aux. Firefighter Danielle Crosby

Explorer John Martin  
Explorer Ryan Difranza  
Explorer Sean Quigley

## Explorer Post Advisors

Capt. Jim McLaughlin Stoneham Fire Department  
Firefighter John Galla Stoneham Fire Department  
Firefighter Paul McIntyre Stoneham Fire Department  
Firefighter Derek Loftus Reading Fire Department

Members of the Auxiliary put in a combined total of 3000 hours for the year . Some of the activities included providing lights at fire scenes, concerts on the Common and the Christmas tree lighting ceremony, as well as marking and shoveling out fire hydrants.

Presently the Auxiliary has the following equipment:

Squad 1 a 1989 Ford F350 utility truck which is used as a support vehicle as well as for pulling the trailers

Lighting 1 a 1989 Ford van type ambulance

Engine 2 a 1972 Pirsch Pumper which is used for training

Lighting cart a surplus Air Force lighting trailer with a 3kw generator and an elevating platform with 2 flood lights

A 300 gallon water buffalo tank trailer



A flatbed trailer with two 3kw generators and one 5 kw generator

Training has included C.P.R., first aid, pump operations, lighting drills, ladder operations, air tank procedures and rope handling.

I would like to thank Chief L. Lamey, Barbara Bouzan, members of the Stoneham Fire Department, Public Works, Board of Selectman and Town Administrator

## **STONEHAM FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRE PREVENTION ANNUAL REPORT 2004**

The Fire Prevention Office continues to be a quite productive bureau within the Stoneham Fire/Rescue Department.

This past year our S.A.F.E. program (Student Awareness in Fire Education) continues to be the priority of this office, despite the lack of funding that we usually receive from the state to support this program. The Fire Prevention Office is dedicated to education of our elementary students in the area of Fire Safety. This program involves the commitment of Lt. Al Minotti and several firefighters that help support his efforts to which I am very grateful. Our educational program consists of a 45-minute program that is brought directly into each classroom and teaches subjects such as Match and Lighter safety, Smoke detectors, Stop Drop and Roll, Fire escapes in the home, and Home Fire Hazards. Due to financial cut backs in the State Budget the SAFE program received very little support financially, that we had normally would have received. With the help from generous donation from the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce, we were able to support our efforts by bringing into the classroom, coloring books, rulers, and other useful items that help promote fire safety. Our thanks to the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce for that Donation.

The past year saw an increase number of plan reviews within the Fire Prevention Bureau. This was demonstrated by an increase in fire alarm installation permits by 72 % over 2003.

Due to such tragedies as the nightclub fire in Rhode Island, many changes in state fire laws were made especially in sprinkler system requirements in nightclubs, bars and dancehalls. These laws will take effect over the next few years but will be detrimental to life safety.

The fire prevention office was manned approximately 50% of the year due to the lateral movement of the officers to engine companies in an effort to reduce

overtime costs within the Department, as is customary procedure every year. This caused their workloads to be disrupted and/or distributed to other personnel within the Department such as to the Line officers or the Deputy Chief.

Smoke detectors	357
Oil Burners	49
Sprinkler	13
Propane storage	20
Fire alarm installation	102
Tank removal	32
Tank Truck	22
Burning Permits	45

The incident totals fort 2004 were as follows:

Structure fires	40
Motor vehicle fires	11
Motor vehicle accidents	412
Carbon monoxide incidents	9
Medical aids	1660
Service calls	332
Fire alarm activations	323
Outside fires	7
Haz mat incidents	13
Investigations	226
Mutual aid assignments	52
Total runs for the year	3,085

# BOARD OF HEALTH

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2004

The mission of the Board of Health is to educate, promote, improve and protect the health and well being of the citizens of Stoneham, while contributing to building a healthy community and environment in which to live. According to the Town's Bylaws, State and Federal Laws, the Board of Health is under a dutiful obligation to develop and implement health policies, standards, bylaws and regulations.

The Environmental division is responsible for enforcing all municipal regulations, numerous State sanitary and environmental codes by State and federal laws. A variety of inspections are conducted by the Health Agent to determine compliance with said codes. Facilities and establishments inspected are, but not limited to:

- (1) Food establishments,
- (2) Investigate reports of foodborne illness,
- (3) Rental dwelling units and lead paint determinations,
- (4) Tanning facilities,
- (5) Body art / Micro pigmentation establishments,
- (6) Pools, public and semi-public,
- (7) Massage establishments,
- (8) Private subsurface sewage disposal systems – Title V
- (9) Recreation camps for children

In addition to inspections, the Environmental division investigates complaints of rodent infestations, rubbish, noise and general nuisance complaints.

### BOARD:

The Board of Health is comprised of three (3) elected officials; these positions are three-year terms with one member being elected annually. The members consist of John J. Scullin, Chairman, and Benedict J. DiRusso, Jr., Secretary. At present the Board has two members sitting and one seat available. Michael J. Rolli retired from the Board on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004. He will be greatly missed by the Board. The Board of Health holds meetings each month. Additional meetings are scheduled if required.

Chairman Rolli has served on various boards through out the Town since 1954. During his tenure, he has held a variety of positions within each board. -Chairman Scullin has taken the position as Chairman in light of Mr. Rolli's retirement. Some of the other boards Chairman Rolli has held are; Board of Selectmen-Chairman, Board of Appeals, Town Common and Parking Committee, Special Act Study



Committee, Board of Public Welfare, Middlesex County Sheriff's Committee, High School Building Committee, North School Improvement Counsel, Stoneham Boys Club, Stoneham Crime Watch, and The Stoneham Chamber of Commerce. He has always been an advocate for the seniors of our Town.

The members of the Board of Health held eleven (11) meetings this year. Besides being proactive with public health issues and the rules and regulations, the Board decided on the following items:

- 1 Variances granted under Bylaw Chapter 20, Article VI Dumpster Regulations;
- 2 Variances MGL, Article X Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments;

The Board will continue to be proactive within the community.

Agent/Director Robert F.Bracey has been with the Board since March of 2003. He came with extensive knowledge in Public Health. He has served as a Sanitary/Housing Inspector for the City of Cambridge for the 7 years prior to becoming the Health agent in Feb 03 and has been the Health Agent in the Town's of Tyngsboro and Winchester since 1997.

Support staff includes:

Robert F. Bracey	Health Agent / Director
Teresa Buckley-Dean, RN, MS	Public Health Nurse
Traci Mello, RN	Public Health Nurse
Margaret Drummey, RN	Public Health Nurse
Denise F. Breen	Office Assistant
Karyn C. Incatasciato	Office Assistant

**HEALTH AGENT/DIRECTOR**

The Primary Purpose of the Health Agent work's under the direction of the Board of Health and is responsible for planning, implementing and enforcing public health laws, codes, policies and regulations and preventive health and environmental programs.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities of the Health Agent is to ensure compliance with all State, Federal and Municipal public health laws and regulations; investigate environmental issues and complaints; conduct inspections; respond to questions pertaining to public health issues; oversee the day to day operations of the Board of Health department, administrative duties, prepare the annual operating budget for the Board review, supervise office staff; attend Town department head

and monthly Board of Health meetings, budget hearings and coordinate emergency response; develop and recommend policies and procedures; implement policies and procedures. Supervise inspections and activities and staff, conduct plan reviews for new and renovated food establishments and other facilities of operations within the Town; Supervise permit and licensing process; ensure Title V compliance; compile and prepare annual report of the Board of health activities; recommend legal action and/or issue non criminal disposition tickets.

The Health Agent/Director received and investigated 140 complaints:

The following is a break down of the investigated complaints in individual categories.

Air Pollution	00	Animal	01
Dumpster	06	Food Borne Illness	04
Food Service	20	Hazardous Waste	00
Housing	44	Miscellaneous	17
Noise	01	Odor	05
Rodents	15	Rubbish	25
Unsanitary Conditions	00		

Besides the 140 complaint investigations, the Health Agent performed 658 inspections; follow up inspections and court appearances.

Food Service Routine	89
Food Service Follow up	130
Housing and Follow-up	113
Miscellaneous & Follow-up Inspections	326
Total	658

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) continues to add responsibilities to local Boards of Health. Additionally these tasks add to an already over burdened local Health Department and it's staff. With these added responsibilities the Health Agent has continued to provide various training programs by utilizing shared programming. With the limited staffing and funding in the Board of Health, shared programs are cost effective and work well to establish twice as many opportunities for our communities to maintain high operating standards and procedures.

In 2004, The Department of Public Health passed a law that requires all enclosed spaces are required to be smoke free.

In December of 2004 the Board of Health implemented a new health regulation that requires all food establishments to attend a mandatory food safety refresher class given by the Board of Health department.

Also in December 2004, the Board of Health with Town Counsel developed and approved new Board of Health regulations requiring the Board of Health prior to being occupied/re-rented inspect all rental dwelling units. This new Board of Health regulation is slated to go into effect in July 2005.

During the year 2004, we experienced an outbreak of Hepatitis A in our community. Two Hepatitis clinics were held early in July for the patrons of the establishment involved. The combined effort and support from our neighboring towns insured Stoneham of the complete success of the clinics.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) continues to mandate local Board of Health with more and more responsibilities without supplying any funding resources.

The Health Agent/Director sits as an active member of the Site Plan Committee; this committee consists of department heads, which review site plans. Recommendations and/or requirements are discussed with applicant prior to the Board of Selectmen site plan meeting. By taking this extra step with the applicant, the requirements are clarified and discussed, thus making the process easier for the applicant. The Health Agent also sits on the Stoneham Emergency Management Team.

This committee has formed a model project group and has been taking a gentler way to approach neighborhood code violations. A representative from the Board of Health, Building and Fire Departments have been working together listening to the residents and businesses owners to solve neighborhood problems of non-compliance with pertinent regulations. The committee has met with the business owners and residents, have inspected the area, and have been working on solving the infractions. Most of the health infractions have been corrected with the major facilities working on the correction process.

The Health Agent sits on The Mystic Valley Coalition Emergency Preparedness Committee (Bioterrorism Preparedness). This committee is comprised of the surrounding communities of Malden, Medford, Wakefield and Melrose Board of Health Agent/Directors.

In 2004, grant money was awarded to the Town of Stoneham (\$ 3,600.00) from the Mystic Valley Coalition Emergency Preparedness Committee and Homeland Security. Pursuant to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health criteria for spending of these funds, the Board of Health Department utilized the funds for telecommunications and emergency preparedness pocket guides for all residents and establishments of Stoneham.



Public Health changes with the seasons and circumstances, educating and calming the general public of the risks surrounding each circumstance is an extremely important aspect of Public Health. The Health Agent/Director maintains an open door policy and encourages all residents and businesses owners needing assistance to contact the office.

The Health Agent/Director along with the Board of Health proposed departmental goals for the upcoming year are as follows:

- Increase the presence and involvement of the Board in the community utilizing the media and on-site education;
- Increase community programming and services;
- Study the structure and fee schedule regarding permits;
- Sponsor a position of food inspector, as stipulated under MDPH to inspect 135 food service establishments within the Town;
- Establish sufficient staffing to meet the demands of the department.
- Continue to be proactive in helping new establishments, businesses and property owners within our community; and
- Maintain a high standard of safety by promoting the philosophy the Board of Health mission statement.

#### **OFFICE ASSISTANTS:**

The office assistant is an extremely important position. This position maintains databases and prepares all permits, licenses, and accounts payable/receivable for approval. It provides a variety of complex clerical and administrative duties in a confidential manner and with an eye for detail. In addition, this position transcribes the minutes of the Board's monthly meetings, and composes correspondence as directed. They assemble and prepare a variety of reports for the Health Agent, Public Health Nurses, and Board as needed. All the above is provided to this office on a limited part time basis.

Ms. Karyn Incatasciato, Office Assistant started with the Department early in 2001. Ms. Breen started late in 2000. Both Ms. Incatasciato and Ms. Breen have continued the high standards this office has sent forth. Both have gone through four years of learning a department with many facets while maintaining the highest quality of departmental standards. They both also continue to display the professionalism, courtesy and knowledge that is needed and expected to serve the residents of Stoneham.

These positions are responsible for collecting permits fees and collected \$ 46,658.54.

The following is an individual breakdown of categories of permit issued by this department.

Animals	6
Canteen (mobile) Trucks	3
Disposal Contractors	47
Dumpster Permits, Long Term	210
Dumpster permits Short Term	106
Food Services and Retail	166
Funeral Directors	3
Massage Establishments	3
Massage Therapist	5
Recreational Camps	1
Septic Haulers	3
Swimming Pools	14
Tanning Establishments	3
Temporary Food Service	18
Tobacco Permits	25
Total permits issued	613

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES:**

The roles and responsibilities of the public health nurse (PHN) are comprehensive involving every individual and constituency in the community from infants to seniors, from municipal and corporate employees to private citizens. PHNs are a vital resource for local boards of health because they possess the professional training, local knowledge and clinical experience to identify problems, develop regulations and policies to implement programs. (Nursing Spectrum, Nov 99). In addition to screenings, clinics and vaccine distribution, the PHN provides many other vitally important services to their community.

They provide anonymous information and instruction on a wide range of issues ranging from sexually transmitted diseases to lice. They also provide counseling and resource assistance to Stoneham residents, i.e. assisting elderly access to the health care systems, referring families to Women Infant and Children supplemental food program and the Children's Medical Security Plan, and refer clients to visiting nurse services when appropriate. PHN collaborate with the school nurses regarding clinics and community health care concerns, as well as serving as health care consultants for private schools in Stoneham and make home visits to assess and provide services as needed.

## **NURSES' YEAR IN REVIEW**

This year has been a year of change for the nurses. Prioritization is a must as we seek to explore ways to expand our role and yet still meet the daily required tasks of the office. The nurses continue to have active membership with the North-east chapter of Public Health Nurses and the Health Advisory Council for youth in Stoneham but on a much more limited basis. A collaborative relationship still exists with the school nurses.

The nurses also became part of a collaborative group called the Homeland Alert Network, which was developed by DPH. The staff is alerted for any emergency related to a bioterrorism attack. The system will alert you via emails, voice mail and/or cell phones, it will continue to alert the member until the contact is made.

The nurses continue to be involved in local emergency planning issues, which propose plans in the event of any crisis situations. An emergency preparedness coalition has been formed with the following the cities and towns, Stoneham, Medford, Malden, Melrose and Wakefield. The meetings are held at the Medford town hall once a month. Certain criteria must be ascertained to maintain DPH grant funding. Each site must complete a template in preparation for dispensing and/or immunizing a certain percentage of the population with in a 48-hour time period. We worked with our Emergency Management coordinator, school department directors as well as other municipality directors to complete this template.

The nurses were certified to dispense smallpox vaccine as well as to teach the technique to dispense the smallpox vaccine.

The nurses also have attended various seminars on immunization updates, surveillance updates, tuberculosis, communicable/infectious diseases and vaccine safety in order to maintain a high standard of practice and quality assurance. A nurse will regularly attend the monthly Public Nurse meetings along with the annual Conference of Pubic Health Nurses. The office continues to be audited once a year by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regarding proper vaccine storage and distribution. The office successfully completed the audit without any deficiencies noted.

### **PROPOSED PLANS FOR 2005**

Continue to provide caring and effective primary health care to all members of the community of Stoneham focusing on prevention and wellness.

Investigate a computer programs to enhance the efficiency of record keeping.



Continue to collaborate with other health and safety professionals in our community including the school nurses, fire department, and physicians.

Investigate federal, state and private grants. Discuss the possibilities of working with other municipalities for grant funding.

Utilize the nursing staff in the best possible public health. We will discuss modification of some policies by comparing and contrasting other local Boards of Health.

#### 59- Reportable Diseases Investigated

Campylobacter	5
Salmonella	1
Lyme Disease	1
Pertussis	12
Hepatitis C	9
Hepatitis B	3
Hepatitis A	2
Giardiasis	3
Varicella	8
E.coli 0157:H7	3
Group B Strep	1
Streptococcal pneumonia	4
Cryptosporidiosis	1
Babesiosis	1
Haemophilis influenza	1
Legionellosis	1
Meningitis viral	1
Meningitis other	1
Shingellosis	1

#### 12 Blood Pressure Clinics:

Clients seen at clinics	396
Home/office visits	136
Total	432

#### 12 Diabetic Clinics:

Clients seen at clinics	131
Home/office visits	52
Total	183

#### Hepatitis B Clinics:

Fire/ Police/Misc	4
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Meningococcal Clinic: High School Seniors	12
Immunizations:	18
Mantoux Testing Clients	66
Influenza Clinics: Clients seen at clinics/home/office	2040

### **IMMUNOGLOBULIN CLINIC:**

Hepatitis A in a food handler preempted an emergency IG Clinic on July 1. We were able to inoculate approximately 650 patrons who ate at a Stoneham restaurant. The food handler was contagious while working on June 19. The wait staff and patrons were administered with IG within 48 hours of notification from the Department of Public Health. Boston Public Health Commission, the Board of Health of Arlington and nurses from the Northeast chapter of Public Health Nurses all participated in making this clinic work efficiently.

Vaccine Distribution: Total doses	6871
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### **HEPATITIS B VACCINATION**

Hepatitis B was made available therefore we were able to offer the vaccine to the community safety personnel such as fire and police.

### **MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINATION**

Meningococcal disease is a virulent disease that affects adults and children every year. The disease is particularly prevalent in the collage population especially with those that live in dormitories. The disease presents itself with flu like symptoms but can progress to coma or death in hours. The meningococcal vaccine can protect students from many but not all forms within the disease. A clinic was offered in August to all graduating seniors from Stoneham High School. A total of 12 clients were vaccinated.

### **INFLUENZA CLINICS**

This year the state distributed the flu doses in several allocations. A total of 5910 does of vaccine were received of which 3790 were distributed to physicians within the town who are enrolled in the vaccine provider program. The nurses held

2 clinics at the town hall for all of the high-risk population deciphered by the commissioner, Christine Ferguson. The nurses held the remaining influenza clinics at the Board of Health office every Tuesday from 9 am to 11 am for a total of 7 clinics during the months of December and November. With the help of several dedicated volunteers including school nurses and the retired public health nurses, we administered 2100 doses of flu vaccine at these clinics. In addition over 450 doses were administered to homebound seniors and office walk in clients.

The pneumonia vaccine was not available at the flu clinics this year, however it is available year round for those clients in need.

### **MANTOUX TESTING (TUBERCULOSIS)**

Law to inform DPH of the positive PPDs mandates the public health nurses. The TB division of DPH has formatted a new template, which is the LTB form. When a client presents with a positive PPD, we will then discuss the options of a specific clinic in the area and help coordinate the initial appointment for follow up testing and medication if necessary.

We provide PPD testing to residents of Stoneham for a nominal fee of \$5.00. The majority of the people being tested are low risk but work in the health care field.



# STONEHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The Stoneham Historical Commission is a seven member board mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years. Its main objective is to help identify and preserve those buildings and/or areas that are historically and architecturally significant to our Town. The current members are Chairman Stephen E. Rotondi, Vice-Chairman Christopher Willard, Treasurer Margaret O'Keefe, Secretary Marcia Wengen, Rosemarie McDonald, David Armato and Matthew Whooley.

Our twenty-seventh year in existence was a busy one. In January, the Commission approved the following motion: While recognizing the need for a modernized Fire Station, the Stoneham Historical Commission supports any solution that would include the preservation of the existing 1916 Central Fire Station's façade and outer appearance.

Long time resident and former Commission member Dr. Peter Paicos, Sr. made significant progress in his efforts to locate, inventory and mark by GPS when possible those areas in Stoneham that are historically important, especially those located in areas controlled by the DCR, formerly the MDS. He approached the Commission with his idea and we were able to put him in contact with Bill Stockinger, a Cultural Recourse Specialist for the DCR. Dr. Paicos hopes to continue this in 2005.

As a sign of the times, proposed installations of telecommunications antennas were on the Commission's table. With the assistance of Town Counsel William Solomon, the Commission reached agreements with both EBI Consulting and Omnipoint Holdings concerning installations of antennas on top of the Dow Block and inside the steeple of the First Baptist Church.

As usual, the highlight of our year was in May which is National Preservation Month. As we do every year, we announced the winner of our annual Heritage Award. This year the recipient was the Copley Group for their purchase and restoration of the Dow Block. Also as part of Preservation Month, a joint project with the Stoneham Historical Society and funded by a grant from the Stoneham Cultural Council brought David Krug as a guest speaker. He gave an informative slide presentation of the controversial 1960s urban renewal project in Boston's West End.

In June, the Commission assisted the Senior Center in their fundraising efforts by developing a script for historical Trolley Tours of Stoneham. The tours gave riders a sense of Stoneham's history as the trolley drove by sites important to our town's development.

In August, the Commission met with Town Counsel William Solomon and many of the abutters of 357 William Street, the Williams-Linscott-Richardson House concerning the demolition of the historic 18<sup>th</sup> century house and development of the property. Attorney Solomon and the attorney for the developer Anthony Santullo, were able to negotiate a temporary delay in the demolition. While the Commission was unable to convince the developer there were other economically feasible alternatives to developing the site, he did allow the Commission and the Historical Society to inspect the property and take measurements and pictures. The Commission put the developer in contact with John Isgur of Nor'East Architectural Antiques in Amesbury, a salvager of historic properties. The salvager was able to come in and remove many architectural features in the house to be used in other historic home renovations. Instead of taking payment from the salvager for the items taken, Mr. Santullo graciously suggested to the salvager that he donate the money to the Stoneham Historic Commission to help them in their preservation work. The Commission received a donation of \$1,000.00. A special account has been established for this money.

The Commission had a similar success with another 18<sup>th</sup> century house at 39 Elm Street. While we were unable to save the building, with the cooperation of the owner Alan Melkonian, we were able to take measurements and pictures. The property is being "deconstructed" back to its oak and pine frame. It will be photographed, labeled, removed and stored by Dan Shields, owner of 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Century Recycling in Spenser, MA until a preservationist can be found to purchase and reassemble this 229 year old house.

Town Day saw the Commission's presence with our collage of pictures of Stoneham's past.

In December, the Commission donated 3 books to the Junior Room of the Stoneham Public Library. The titles were Great Builders: Stories from the Past, The New Deal and the Great Depression, and Desert Storm; The First Persian Gulf War. The Commission is also working with the Library in establishing a Historic Preservation Section in the Reference Library.





Mr. David Pirog of the Copley Group accepted the 2004 Heritage Award from the Stoneham Historical Commission for their efforts to restore and preserve the Dow Block, which has been the centerpiece of Stoneham Square since 1864 and on the National Register of Historic Places since 1984. It once housed both the Post Office and Public Library and is a prime example of Second Empire commercial architecture. The Copley Group purchased the building in June 2001 and re-opened it for business in October 2003.

Pictured (l to r) are: Margaret O'Keefe, David Armatok, Rosemarie McDonald, David Pirog, Marcia Wengen, Stephen Rotondi Christopher Willard.



The second oldest house in Stoneham was demolished on October 25, 2004. The earliest section of the historic Williams-Linscott house dated to around 1712. It was "made over" probably c. 1787 and again in the 1850's. It was proudly listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. Despite efforts by both the Historical Commission and the Historical Society the house was leveled to make way for the new houses on a three-lot subdivision.

Prior to its destruction, a local salvager, John Isgur of Nor'East Architectural Antiques in Amesbury, removed significant architectural features from the house and they will be reused in other New England locations. For example, he plans to install the best of the old growth pine flooring in a new addition to a 1740 home in Byfield, MA. We are grateful the "the old wood to live again" rather than ending its life as a combustible fuel source.



# STONEHAM HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## For the 2004 Annual Report

Preservation groups must constantly provide participants of a wide variety of ages with a better sense of place, an appreciation of their community and an understanding of historic preservation. Simultaneously, we are always seeking new alliances to help us carry out our mission and thus ensure that the people of Stoneham continue to preserve our rich historic resources for future generations. This is the philosophy that guides the Stoneham Historical Society which is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization dedicated to "pride in our past; Faith in our future" since 1922. Our mission is to study the history of the Town of Stoneham, to collect and preserve articles about Stoneham and to teach the public about our rich historical legacy. We maintain a Museum, Meeting Hall and Shoe House at 36 William Street offering changing exhibits about Stoneham's past.

Our Regular Meetings are open to the general public and held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the months of October, November, March, April and May. During 2004, the Program Committee coordinated guest speakers and topics which included Dr. William Hoyt commenting on the changes in public education during his career; Bob Doran with his book on the "History of Bear Hill Golf Course"; Marv Weiss reflecting on "Rural Life on the Farm in Stoneham"; and our own version of "Stoneham Trivia". Our annual collaboration with the Historical Commission to commemorate Preservation month was a well-attended slide presentation by David Kruh on the fate of Boston's West End.

A large part our volunteer energy took us out into the community. We were pleased to participate in the Senior Center's Family Fun Day in June by staffing an informational table inside the historic facility and creating the script for "Trolley Tales", a fun-filled, educational tour aboard an Old Town Trolley through some of Stoneham's historic neighborhoods. Additionally, we offered a variety of changing exhibits in the display cases at the Stoneham Public Library, sponsored and maintained a flower planter in the Central Square Historic District and shared a table at Town Day with the Historical Commission. Through a contact with the owners of Redstone Shopping Center, we acquired some unexpected but welcomed artifacts and reproductions for our collection from the interior of the Ground Round Restaurant upon its closing.

Throughout the year, we also fielded many phone calls, emails and letters from individuals seeking information about the history of our town, their homes, relatives and/or artifacts and events as well as requests from individuals, youth groups and businesses seeking appointments to visit the Museum for research projects and special assignments. Volunteers were always on hand to assist them in their quests. This is not to be confused with our Annual School Program which was expanded

through a grant from the Stoneham Business and Educational Foundation and a matching donation from the StonehamBank. The "Tools of History" project was conceptualized and completed by two local experienced educators with oversight and input from Society mentors for implementation in 2005. A curriculum kit on the history of our town was created for use by each third grade teacher. The unit will culminate with a Field Trip to the Museum by each class for a tour of the artifacts and exhibits lead by experienced members who have cared for this program since its inception. Each third grader will receive a copy of the "History of Stoneham" Coloring Book to keep. The popularity of this program is matched only by the response to "Research Your Home" Day(s) held on two successive Saturdays in February. Members and non-members enthusiastically delve into the history of their homes and neighborhoods with the help of experienced volunteers and have access to old street lists, maps, photos, evaluation reports and other resources plus the aide of the electronic files and lap-top presentations. This technology as well as hand-held tape recorder were among items funded through a second generous donation from the Stoneham Savings Bank.

None of the Society's programs or activities is possible without the many volunteer hours provided by members and friends. Current members and new members are both greatly appreciated and critical to sustain the organization for future generations. Membership is open to the general public for a modest donation in a variety of categories. Information about the Historical Society, membership, future programs and activities is available in our Newsletter mailed directly to all members and may also be found on our website – [www.geocities.com/stoneham-historicalsociety](http://www.geocities.com/stoneham-historicalsociety) or by contacting us in writing. We continue to be very grateful to the Stoneham Independent and Stoneham SUN for printing our press releases and writing stories as well as to the Town of Stoneham for continued support of our preservation efforts.



Speaker :Bob Doran holding his book "The History of Bear Hill Golf Course" with visitor Dan Margarita



Steve Rontodi, Helen Rotondi, Marv Weiss





"Trolley Tales" event at Senior Center





Ten Foot Shoe House at 36 William St.



Stoneham Savings Bank Donation

## HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Stoneham Housing Authority manages 209 units of Chapter 667 (elderly/handicapped) housing and 72 units of Chapter 200 (Veteran's and family) housing. As of December 31, 2004 the Board of Commissioners of the Stoneham Housing Authority is as follows:

Vincent L. Orsillo, Chairman  
Frederick F. Mosley, Vice Chairman  
William F. Jordan, Treasurer  
Edward Pinato, Assistant Treasurer  
Rosemary Trask, State Appointee

The Authority continues to receive Modernization Funding Awards from the Department of Community and Development (DHCD) for a variety of upgrades to its properties, improving the quality of life for its residents. Removal of asbestos pipe wrap and installation of a new Fire Alarm System are scheduled at the elderly housing development on Washington Avenue in spring 2005 and flooring replacement will take place in fall 2005. Stair and railing replacement at our 200-1 development is scheduled for spring 2005 and site work/paving, sidewalk improvements, etc. scheduled at our 200-1 development on Washington Avenue.

The Commonwealth's fiscal plight has extended to the local housing authority levels, with 0% increases permitted in operating budgets. This has required the Authority to absorb all increases in services (labor, water/sewer, utilities) within a zero increased budget.

Mrs. Joanne Graves serves as Executive Director of the Authority, with administrative team support of Mrs. Carol Mustone and Mrs. Martha Orloff. Mr. Harry Sampson serves as Director of Maintenance, with maintenance team support of Bob Sampson, Tony Carlino, Jim Patterson and Craig Seabury.



## **OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION**

The following eight members are appointed by the Board of Selectmen for the Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee for a term of three years: Chairman, Dennis Visconti, Vice Chairperson, Maureen Houghton, Secretary, Denise Healy, Chris Abreu, Therese DiBlasi, Stephen McDonough, James Sarno and Stephen Sylvester. Full-time Recreation employees are Rick Arzillo, Golf Course & Municipal Parks/Grounds Superintendent, Christine DelRossi, Recreation Program Coordinator and June Scarpa, Arena Manager.

The Open Space and Recreation Advisory Committee are committed to provide quality Recreation for the citizens of the Town of Stoneham. We wish to remind the citizens of the Town to visit the facilities and share in our pride.

Stoneham Recreation organizes a variety of recreation programs throughout the year for residents of all ages. Flyers are distributed through the schools, library and by mail. Registration is first come, first serve. Programs with low enrollment are canceled.

### **STONEHAM ARENA**

The Arena houses a number of programs for our youth including those with an interest in hockey, figure skating and ice-skating. Stoneham Figure Skating Club and Learn to Skate are the two figure skating schools that utilize the Arena. The majority of ice time was sold. The Stoneham Youth Hockey Program continues to grow resulting in a need for additional ice time. The Arena continues to have High School Boy's and Girl's hockey games and school run activities. On July 1, 2004, the Arena Manager's position was not funded. June Scarpa managed the Arena for twenty years.

### **UNICORN AND STONEHAM OAKS GOLF COURSES**

We proceeded with the golf season by opening Unicorn Golf Course on March 25, 2004 and Stoneham Oaks on April 12, 2004 with various closures due to spring snow. Carl Marchio and Ken Pratt the on site P.G.A. professionals at Unicorn and Stoneham Oaks provided lessons and golf clinics throughout the season. The golf courses were utilized for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Junior Golf Tournament on August 28, 2004 and Stoneham Youth Basketball Tournament on July 12, 2004. Over one hundred children and parents participated in the Annual Junior Golf Tournament. It was another successful year due to the local businesses. A portion of the proceeds help fund the costs to run the High School Golf Team.

Golf receipts remained slightly higher than the previous year due to the \$1.00 increase per round implemented at the start of the 2004 golf season. The season closed for play on December 4, 2004 with snow accumulation.

Submitted by Rick Arzillo, Golf Superintendent

**RECREATION PROGRAMS**

Following is a list of activities/services that were provided to the citizens of Stoneham in 2004:

Field Permits	Jr. Golf League at Stoneham Oaks Golf Course
Use of Recreation Park Field House	World Record Track and Field
Open Parks Program	Open Gym Basketball Program
Tennis Lessons	Major League Soccer Camps
Field Hockey Clinic	After School Drama Club
High School Women’s Soccer	<u>Skyhawk Programs</u>
High School Men’s Soccer	Roller hockey
Spartan Soccer School	Junior Hawk Baseball
Top Secret Science Program	Basketball Program
Spartan Sports Club 2004	Soccer
Intensive Soccer Training	Mini-hawk (baseball, basketball, soccer)
Girls Winter Track Program	Mighty-hawk (baseball, basketball, soccer)
Boys Winter Track Program	Multi-Sport (baseball, basketball, soccer)
Write Start Workshop	Beginner Golf Lessons
Top Guns Pitching Clinic	Men’s Over 30 Basketball League
Special Needs Activities:	Tennis Lessons
Club for All Program	

**Youth Sports Organizations**

In 2004 the following sports organizations used the town fields for programs for residents. These organizations are organized by parent volunteers: Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading, Stoneham Little League, Stoneham Youth Softball Association and Stoneham Soccer Club.

## **GRATITUDE:**

- The Recreation Department would like to give special thanks to the Department of Public Works and the School Department for their assistance and cooperation during the course of the year.
- Thank you to Liz Arno for volunteering to teach the After School Drama Club program to Middle School Students.
- Thank you to Recreation Chairman Dennis Visconti for assisting with the Men's Over 30 Basketball League.
- Thank you to Mark Provencal for volunteering in opening and closing the skate board park.
- I would like to thank the seasonal staff and coaches for working for the Recreation Department in offering safe and fun programs for Stoneham Residents.
- I would like to personally thank Stoneham Residents for their support and participation over the years. It is a pleasure to serve a wonderful community.

## **DONATIONS:**

A special thanks to the O'Keefe Family for their donations throughout the years in memory of Recreation Committee Member Robert O'Keefe, Jr. and his father Robert O'Keefe, Sr.

A special thanks to New England Over the Hill Men's Soccer League for their donation of \$1,250.

Christine DelRossi,  
Recreation Program Coordinator



# **STONEHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **2004 Annual Report**

### **Gregory M. O'Keefe, Chief Of Police**

When I was appointed Chief of Police in November of 2001, I was well aware of the challenge that managing a police force of 42 sworn men and women, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in a community of 22,000 citizens entailed. Our nation was still in shock over the tragedy of 9/11/01 and I had inherited a solid police department of dedicated officers and we were infused with a spirit of patriotism unknown in recent times. One of our officers was serving overseas and our Head Dispatcher had been called away for military duty. I took my oath of office during this period when every Stoneham citizen was aware of national security and personal vulnerability. We are constantly reminded on a day-to-day basis how our lives have changed. Today, we are still in Iraq and Afghanistan where American servicemen and women are giving their lives for the freedom of others; and we must never forget their sacrifice.

On the local front, our Town has gone through another tough financial year. For the first time in over thirty years, and possibly the first time ever, the Town laid off two police officers in 2004. The police department currently has 6 fewer officers than in the past, while trying to maintain the highest level of service to the community. In just three years we have become a younger, less experienced police department operating with reduced funding. Programs have suffered and pro-active police work is almost at a standstill, but we are still providing necessary emergency services. This could not have been accomplished so smoothly without the cooperation of all department personnel and they are to be commended. Years ago, when big business came up with the slogan "Do more with less" who knew that would turn into "Do more with even less" for local government. With continued cuts in state aid and the increased cost of day-to-day operations it is becoming increasingly difficult, if not almost impossible, to be the Town we love to live in. We have made it through tough times before and hopefully we will this time.

Reports from our various divisions, which follow, will reflect the priorities (drug enforcement, domestic violence, juvenile justice, etc.) I had to preserve and the cutbacks (DARE, Safety Officer, Traffic Directors, etc) imposed by the lack of funding. Because of these tough managerial decisions, we were able to continue our swift emergency service calls utilizing our reduced manpower to it's maximum and most efficient...while reducing our pro-active community services.

One of the deep budget cuts was the Traffic Directors. Although the Traffic Directors are not funded under the Police Department budget, this division is under my command and supervised by the Safety Officer. In accordance with the funding voted at Town Meeting, 15 critical traffic posts were maintained, while we were forced to remove 10 posts and lay off traffic directors. More details can be seen in the Safety Officer's report below.

Our DARE program, since its inception in 1993, was provided to public and parochial students on a full-time basis by Officer Tom Cullen. In 2004 one of the decisions I made was to have DARE Officer Cullen in the schools for only 2 days per week and on routine street patrol for the remainder of the week. This was a disappointment to many parents, students and teachers, but the need to maintain public safety street manpower was paramount and Officer Cullen adapted his former full-time program to a part-time program. I feel self-esteem and drug awareness must be introduced to children as early as possible and we remain committed to instilling these critical life skills to the youth of our community. The operating costs are funded through community donations and the Annual Town Day Road Race sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Our Safety Officer services, also, were reduced from fulltime to 3 days per week. Officer Rotondi joined Officer Cullen on street patrol and, together, they added one full-time officer on patrol.

Your police department is here to serve the community. We work diligently to provide a safe environment where residents and visitors feel that they can enjoy our community. Only by working together can we maintain an atmosphere of enjoyment. Any suggestions on how the police department can better serve the community are always welcome and can be addressed to my attention at the police department.

## **2004 – DETECTIVE BUREAU**

**By**

**Lt. Richard McCarthy**

**Detective OIC**

The Detective Bureau is responsible for criminal investigations, narcotic investigations, juvenile investigations and prosecution. The Detective Bureau is under the command of Lieutenant Richard McCarthy.

In 2004, the Bureau included Inspector George Alger, Inspector Daniel Bates, Inspector Edwin Peek, Inspector Joseph Denehy, Inspector Robert McKinnon and Inspector Paul Norton.

**CRIME STATISTICS:** In keeping with our tradition of publishing statistics from our records, in addition to those reported by the Prosecution Division, 2004 reported incidents indicate:

Arrests	211
Criminal summonses	174
Homicide	0
Sex crimes	7
Assaults	40
Robberies	6
Missing persons	31
Uttering	12
Vandalism	205
Larceny including shoplifting	334
Threats/harassment	141
Breaking and Entering/all types including attempts	140
Domestic violence/restraining order violations	164
Service and attempted service of restraining orders	146
Firearm calls	11
Summons/warrant service	128
Animal calls	186
Disturbance calls	796
Wire down/water break	112
Road hazard	166
Building/person checks	570
Medical aid	1,638
Motor vehicles - stolen	30
Motor vehicles – recovered	31
Motor vehicle accidents	720
Motor vehicle (all other calls)	1,142
Fire alarms	732
Alarms (all others)	985

SEXUAL OFFENDERS living/working in Stoneham:  
(Sex Offender information available on line at Mass.gov)

Level Three Offender: 1  
risk of recidivism is high  
and offender information actively  
disseminated to public.

Level Two Offenders: 11  
risk of recidivism is  
moderate and offender information  
available upon request.

Level One Offenders: 24  
risk of recidivism is low  
and no offender information available.



**DEATHS:** Investigated 5 sudden deaths, which were reported to the Medical Examiner and determined to be non-criminal.

**NARCOTICS:** Investigation of narcotics incidents continues to be an ongoing priority. Joint effort and assistance came from surrounding communities, the District Attorneys State Police Task Force, The Attorney Generals State Police Task Force and the United States Drug Enforcement Agency.

## **2004 - TRAINING REPORT**

**By**  
**Sgt. Robert Swasey**

Major Lt. Joseph Del Rossi and Sgt. Robert Swasey are the Stoneham Police Department's training officers. Through their offices and the office of Chief O'Keefe, the officers of the department have been able to attend specialized training. The training was offered by federal, state, county and private agencies. Officers attended training as follows:

Criminal Law Update by Middlesex District Attorney's Office

Sgt. Stefanelli, Inspectors Bates, Alger, Peek, Denehy, McKinnon and Norton.

Identity Theft and Computer Crimes by the White Collar Crime Center

Inspectors Peek and Denehy Sexual Assault Investigation by Mass Criminal Justice Training Council

Inspector McKinnon DNA Collection for Evidence by the Mass State Police

Inspector McKinnon Digital Photography for Crime Scene Investigation by the Taylor Group

Sgt. Stefanelli, Inspector Peek and Officer Thistle Advanced Crime Scene Search by the Taylor Group

Inspector Peek Racial Profiling by the Mass Police Chiefs' Association

Sgt Kranefuss Criticism & Discipline Skills for Managers by Career Track

Lt. McCarthy Internal Investigations by the Alfred P. Donovan Management Consultants

Lt. McCarthy Accountability and Discipline by APP Management Consultants

Sgt. Nims Field Training Officer by Mass Criminal Justice Training Council

Sgt. Surette and Officer Marshall Advanced Critical Incident Stress Management by the Mass Firefighting Academy

Officers R. DelRossi and Kennedy All Officers attended the four day inservice training at the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council Center. The areas covered were CPR, AED Use, First Responder, Legal Updates and Criminal and Motor Vehicle Laws, Juvenile Issues and Officer Survival.

All of this training has been used in the day-to-day operations of the Stoneham Police Department. Training has played an important role in maintaining essential services that this police department delivers to the citizens of Stoneham.

## **2004 - STONEHAM AUXILIARY POLICE**

**By**

**Sgt. James McIntyre**

**Liaison To The Auxiliary Police**

The Stoneham Auxiliary Police Department is a volunteer organization designed to augment the Stoneham Police Department. Some of the primary responsibilities of the Auxiliary Police is to provide additional patrols of Town owned property, assist with traffic at community events, such as Town Day, Winter Wonderland a Whip Hill, road races and provide assistance during a town emergency. When working, Auxiliary Police Officers possess the same police powers as fulltime police officers. Prior to working as an Auxiliary Officer, the candidate is required to attend the Basic Reserve Police Officer Academy sponsored by the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, as well as annual first aid/CPR and firearms qualifications sponsored by the Stoneham Police Department.

Currently there are fifteen active members on the Auxiliary Police. The following is a list of the active members.

Commissioner - Gerald Sullivan  
August Niewenhous – Chief  
David Luciano – Lieutenant  
George Lessard - Sergeant  
Daniel Marsden – Sergeant  
Geoffrey Buchanan – Patrolman  
Maurice DiCicco – Patrolman  
Donald Doucette – Patrolman

Douglas Eames – Patrolman  
Robert Fitzsimmons – Patrolman  
Eugenio Ianniciello – Patrolman  
John Lazzaro – Patrolman  
John Maguire – Patrolman  
James Murphy – Patrolman  
Christopher Ponzio – Patrolman

In 2004, these officers donated in excess of 700 hours to the Town of Stoneham.

## **2004 S.W.A.T. and R.R.T. REPORT**

**By  
Officer Tom Heller**

The Stoneham Police Department SWAT team representatives, comprised of Officer Mike O'Toole, Officer Steve Carroll and myself, were called out in 2004 a total of 21 times. The callouts were varied and covered a large spectrum of assignments. The team executed only one drug raid during the year. However, we also took part in two dignitary protection assignments. One of the more prevalent assignments that came in 2004 were emotionally distressed persons (EDP's) barricaded within structures threatening to harm themselves or anyone who attempted to assist them. We answered 8 such calls for service in conjunction with the North Eastern Law Enforcement Council (NEMLEC) Crisis Negotiators, all of which were successfully resolved. The final category was tactical searches. Tactical searches are searches done in situations where there is an armed fugitive or suspect believed to be within a building, or a containment area (i.e. wooded area that has been secured by the uniformed division of NEMLEC). The SWAT team responded to 10 such calls for service, including a search of Stoneham High School in August for a possible armed bank robbery suspect who had fled from Malden. Three of the suspects were apprehended by Officers McIntyre and Ponzo on Franklin Street, but it was believed that a 4<sup>th</sup> suspect had made it into Stoneham High School and that he may be armed with an assault rifle. After approximately 6 hours, and a very methodical and systematic search of the high school, it was found to be vacant. The fully loaded assault rifle was recovered nearby in the Middlesex Fells Reservation.

In addition to the above assignments, the NEMLEC Rapid Response Team (RRT) and SWAT Team responded to an aid request in July to assist the City of Boston during the Democratic National Convention.

The Boston Police Department again requested aid from both units during the World Series to provide security, both during the series and for the rolling rally after the Red Sox victory of the World Series.

The RRT Also took part in several searches for Alzheimer's' patients that had wandered off from their caretakers. All of the patients were successfully located and returned to safety.

We are proud to close our report for 2004 by recognizing the 13 distinguished years of service that Officer Mike O'Toole has served on both the RRT and the SWAT Teams. Mike retired this year from these Teams. Mike was an invaluable member of the team and is sorely missed. There was not a door that Mike came across in his 13 years that he couldn't get the team through. Thanks OT.



**2004 PROSECUTION DIVISION**  
**by**  
**INSPECTOR DANIEL BATES**

As Prosecutor for the Stoneham Police Department, I attend the daily criminal sessions in the Woburn District Court and present the case before the sitting Justices. The defendants are notified of the hearing dates and usually appear with their counsel. Most cases are adjudicated at the hearing; however, if the defendants request trials, then the cases are turned over to the District Attorney's office.

As a representative of the Stoneham Police Department to the District Attorney's Round Table seminars, I attend meetings to keep abreast of practices, laws and prosecution of domestic violence which continues to escalated as well as other crimes. We are also vigilant in observing the civil rights of all parties involved. At these Round Table sessions, we are informed on the most current laws covering sexual offenders' registration, civil rights, new statutes and violations. These ever-changing laws must be carefully observed so that our cases can be properly prosecuted. The officers of the Stoneham Police Department are also continuously trained to know and observe these legal guidelines.

The Victim's Advocate at the Woburn District Court is also part of the team to assist victims of all types of threats, and physical or violent crimes. We recognize that victims of non-violent crimes also need support and assistance. Working closely with all victims during the prosecution process, we are prepared to recommend various resources depending upon the crimes and the victims' needs such as Services Against Family Violence . More and more, we are seeing crimes of uncontrolled rage...on the road and in the family. Many violators are assigned to Anger Management seminars in the hopes of stemming this growing phenomenon. This collaboration of our Department with these agencies is continuously evolving through our active participation in the Governor's Alliance which is the sponsoring catalyst.

Along with domestic violence, the most common crimes in our community continue to be larceny, breaking and entering, vandalism and crimes against persons which are usually committed to supply drug habits. Another serious crime that we continue to prosecute is driving while intoxicated and, of course, motor vehicle violations.

Our statistics for 2004 show receipts from the Registry of Motor Vehicles (moving violations) and the Woburn District Court (criminal fines and parking violations) exceeding \$22,800.

## **2004 COMMUNITY POLICING UNIT**

**By  
Sgt. Steven Nims**

The year 2004 was a transition year for the Stoneham Community Police Unit. Sergeant Steven P. Nims, as Director of Community Police, replaced Lieutenant Herbert Moore, who had led the unit since its inception in 1993, in January 2004. Lieutenant Moore is now the Commander of the Uniform Division. He should be commended for his leadership, creativity, and dedication during his tenure as the Director of Community Police.

Community Police officers were very active in the Stoneham School system throughout the year as School Resource Officers. The following officers were assigned to the High School and Middle School one day a week. Officer Robert Kennedy- High School; Officer Joseph Ponzio- Middle School. The following officers were assigned to each elementary school 8 hours per month. Sergeant Robert Swasey- Central School; Sergeant David Stefanelli- Robin Hood School; Officer Thomas Day- South School; Officer David Thistle- Colonial Park School. The officers also attended all school functions, dances, field trips, field days, PTL meetings. Community Police in partnership with the Middle School PTL and the business community fund the after school Homework Club as well as four \$250 cash awards for Eighth grade winners of the Community Police Essay Contest.

Community Police also sponsors other activities throughout the community. The Fishing Derby at Spot Pond was held in the spring and was attended by over 600 kids and their families. The activity is organized by detective Paul Norton and Officer Thomas Marshall and attended by other Community police officers. The Stranger Danger program is very active in the elementary schools and pre-school, which is run by Sergeant David Stefanelli, Sergeant Tony Kranefuss and Detective Paul Norton. Town Day is heavily participated by Community Police officers and Bike officers who provide security and crowd control during the entire day. The Bike Unit, which is commanded by Sergeant David Stefanelli, participates at many town events throughout the year as well as directed patrols in the good weather. They are a valuable asset to the police department and the Town. Officer Chris Apalak is very active at the Senior Center activities throughout the year. He also maintains the flowerbeds at the senior center on Elm Street. Community Police continues to pay and provide for a telephone at the Finnegan Hall on Duncklee Ave. Community Police continues its strong relationship with the Boys and Girls Club throughout the year with an officer who is assigned to all Band Nights, dances and special events.

In December 2004, the Community Police Unit sponsored its tenth annual "Kids Christmas Party" for the children and their families who reside in the Stoneham Housing Developments. Over fifty kids were treated to entertainment by Mrs.



Claus, A Master Balloon maker, Sparky the fire dog, McGruff the crime dog and of course a visit by Santa Claus. This function wouldn't take place without the generous contributions of the business community, and private citizens. A very special thanks to Officer Thomas Marshall, whose tireless energy and fund raising expertise makes this party happen each year.

The many activities that Community police sponsors and participates in throughout the year wouldn't be possible if it weren't for the continued generous local support of the business community, private organizations, and private citizens as well as the funding received under the Community Policing Grant through the support of Sen. Richard Tisei and Representative Paul Casey. .

On August 8, 2004, Barbara Morash of Music is Art and her students held their annual recital at the Town Hall. It was a wonderful evening of song and dance, which was enjoyed by all who participated and attended. At the end of evening, Ms. Morash presented the entire proceeds, to Stoneham Community Police. This money will be used to continue the many worthwhile programs the Community police sponsors throughout the year. Very special thanks, to Barbara Morash, her students and their families for their generosity and support of the Stoneham Community Police Unit.

## **2004 - PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH**

**By**

**David B. Luciano, Head Dispatcher**

The Public Safety Dispatch Department provides 24-hour civilian dispatching for the Police Department, Fire Department and contract ambulance. The Dispatch Center is an integral part of the Emergency Management System. All emergency calls for service initiate through the Dispatch Center. The Dispatchers' quick response is the first important step in bringing necessary aid requested. During 2004 our Dispatch Center was comprised of six full-time Dispatchers, 1 part-time Dispatcher and supplemented by sworn officers and operates from the Stoneham Police Station.

During the course of the past year over 12,000 calls that required personnel from the Police Department, Fire Department or ambulance to respond were processed through the dispatch center. Of the 12,000 calls approximately 2,000 were received through the enhanced 9-1-1 system. These calls for service do not include the many business or public information calls that come into the center or walk in reports to the Police Station that must also be processed

During the course of the year dispatchers recertified in CPR. Personnel also attended training for the Dispatchers role in Critical Incident Management.



## **2004 - JUVENILE DIVISION**

**By**

**Inspector George P. Alger**

The position of the Juvenile Officer is to specialize in the case handling of our youth between the ages of 7 and 17. Due to an assortment of reasons, some of these matters are handled by other Detectives within the department. The Community Police program has shown a direction and need for continued education and involvement with the youth of our community, combined with our affiliation with the school administration. I welcome this need for the police involvement with our youth as do the other officers assigned to the team. Our current D.A.R.E. program is an example of what this interaction can accomplish. With the continued funding of the Community Police program here in Stoneham, the juvenile problem areas will be targeted with nothing short of a successful result. Please contact my office if you have any concerns or information you may deem important and vital to our goals.

As for the past year's juvenile criminal behavior patterns, they continue to remain within the norm. The core of drug use also maintained its regularity with a slight decrease in marijuana related cases. However, alcohol remains the number one abused drug.

Please feel free to contact me at 438-1215 with any questions or concerns you may have. Our general view as police officers is portrayed as capture and prosecute the lawbreakers. True, this is an element of our profession; however, to help our townspeople as well as the youth is an intrinsic resource few seek for assistance. PLEASE CALL THE POLICE IF YOU EVEN THINK YOU SEE A CRIME. We are here to serve you

## **2004 - D.A.R.E. PROGRAM**

**by**

**OFFICER TOM CULLEN**

Despite it's reduction, the D.A.R.E. program continues to grow in popularity with students, parents, law enforcement and educators. I continue to receive only positive feedback from the community.

As the D.A.R.E. Officer assigned from the Stoneham Police Department to implement and teach this program, I wish to acknowledge the cooperative support of the Town Administrator, the Chief of Police and the Superintendent of Schools.

As you can see from his narrative above, Chief O'Keefe had to make hard decisions to operate the Police Department with a reduced budget. The DARE program was not eliminated in Stoneham thanks to Chief O'Keefe's determination in bringing D.A.R.E.'s message to our children – although on a reduced basis. It

was our strong belief that Middle School age children were the children that we wanted to impact the most. These children have been proven to be the most at risk age group for drug abuse. Although we would like to have continued the DARE program at elementary and St. Patrick's this year, unfortunately due to our Town's financial problems, we have had to eliminate St. Patrick's and the elementary school curriculums.

The D.A.R.E. classroom is unique. This is the class where the subject is the student. They learn about themselves. They talk about themselves. They set goals for themselves and graduate empowered. The core strength of the Stoneham D.A.R.E. program is continuous reaffirmation of the child's self esteem and individual awareness which leads to strengthening their personal life choices.

We are looking forward to the annual Al Duff 2005 Memorial Race for D.A.R.E. to be held on Town Day in September. We are trying to get as many runners and people involved this year as it is our major fund raiser for the year. This race was established by the family of former Safety Officer Al Duff because of his love for the children of Stoneham. The D.A.R.E. program continues Al's work and, hopefully, with the donations received from the community and merchants, we can continue to build upon what Al started. It is our goal to give the children as much information about the destructive effects of drugs and violence as we can; and, hopefully, with this information they will make educated and good decisions which will impact their lives.

Once again, our main concern is for the safety of the children not only with drugs but the violence which occurs in our society. In closing, I would like to thank the many organizations and people who help to support the D.A.R.E. program in our continuing efforts to fight the war on drugs.

**2004 SAFETY OFFICER REPORT**  
by  
**OFFICER LAURENCE J. ROTONDI**

This year especially showed the spirit and resolve of our reduced force of Traffic Directors. I tip my hat to these fine men and women who provide the daily safety barrier for our children. As a point of information, there is a difference between a Traffic Director and a Crossing Guard. A Crossing Guard's only duty and power is to halt traffic and cross pedestrians. A Traffic Director has expanded powers including directing traffic, parking enforcement, and issuing moving citations along with crossing pedestrians. Stoneham has Traffic Directors assigned to 15 posts throughout the Town. This is a reduction from 25 posts in 2003.

During 2004 I conducted the annual safety inspection of all taxis, limousines and livery vehicles registered in the Town of Stoneham. During this period, I also examined the licenses and issued permits to the drivers of these vehicles-for-hire, thus insuring the safety of our riding public.

I have worked closely with the Building Department, Fire Department, D. P. W. and Selectmen's office this year especially on Town site plans. Basically, I review the plans and visit the areas to determine any public safety hazards which may arise as a result of the new construction, especially traffic patterns spilling onto our public roadways. Chief O'Keefe also assigns me to investigate safety issues and concerns received from the general public, such as speeding. Our most often requested service is to monitor speeders wherein I place our speed monitor at strategic points on roadways. Many times, I also place a traffic counter which tabulates the speed and count of traffic in a specific area. Most motorists are aware of the speed monitor with it's flashing lights and it does work to make them aware of their speed. However, they are not always aware of our traffic counter which appears as two hoses across the roadway. This device calculates and records speed and number of cars traveling in an area. We gather this data to determine average speed of motor vehicles and any possible need for traffic signs and signals to insure the public safety.

If you have any questions regarding safety, do not hesitate to contact me. I am available for you and...Remember – Think Safety.



# STONEHAM TRI-COMMUNITY BIKE/GREENWAY COMMITTEE REPORT

In spite of the time and energy necessary to work through the bureaucracy this project continues to enjoy the over whelming support of the citizens of the community.

Both Woburn and Stoneham signed lease agreements with the MBTA for the final portion of land required for the Multi Use Trail and Linear Park. A Task Force made up of three persons from each of the three member communities was formed to provide support to the Project Manager, Bob Conway, Winchester Town Engineer. Selectman Smith, Ken Pruitt and Cameron Bain represent Stoneham on this Task force..Senator Richard Tisei has supported the project for several years. Both Smith and Bain worked with the Senator and his staff for several months to overcome obstacles that has held up this project now a work in progress for seventeen years.

Smith and Bain will meet with Senator Tisei to complete a strategy to obtain the funding for this project at no cost to the three communities. Once the funds are made available to the three communities Winchester, the lead agency for the project, will sign a contract with the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD) and the Consultant Fay, Spofford and Thorndike (FST). This would allow the consultant to begin the preliminary design phase of the project. The 25% phase would include a feasibility study for all three communities, as well as the 25% hearing.

Town Meeting voted in October to extend the term of the Stoneham Tri-Community Bike/Greenway Committee for another three years. When the Phase One 25% Design begins the Committee in all three communities will continue to assist both the Selectmen and the Town Administrator to assure the best possible Multi-Use Trail and Greenway for all three communities.

Committee Members are Cameron Bain, Chairman, Rita G. Covelle, Shirley Drinkwater, John Goodwin, Kenneth Pruitt, John Ranlett, Trudy Sevier, Wendy Smith, Joan Terrasi, Theresa Ward, and Kristen Wigandt. In addition the following served as Associate Members, Marilyn Regan, and Bee Russo. The Committee is charged with assisting the Selectmen and Town Meeting with the establishment of a Linear Park the entire length and width of the former rail bed beginning at Recreation park to the Woburn city line. All meetings are open to the public and interested citizens.

Stoneham Tri-Community  
Bike/Greenway Committee

# REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARIAN

This is the 145<sup>th</sup> report of the Stoneham Public Library covering the calendar year 2004.

## PERSONNEL CHANGES

Theresa Maturevich joined the library staff as the new Children's Librarian in January of 2004. She has been a very welcome addition who has revitalized our library's website, bringing it into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. The library's new web address is [www.stonehamlibrary.org](http://www.stonehamlibrary.org). Visits are welcome and encouraged.

## BUDGET ISSUES

Budget issues continue to plague our community. The library was particularly fortunate this year to have wonderful support at the October Town Meeting. Thanks to the support of the Stoneham citizenry, the library received the necessary funding to meet the state mandated Municipal Appropriation Requirement and retain its State Certification. This allowed us to restore full Saturday hours to our schedule (we had been operating on a four hour schedule) and also allowed us to add over \$37,000 back to our materials budget. This further earned the library an award of State Aid monies in excess of \$23,000. These funds will be used to further supplement the materials budget which was cut again this year. Perhaps most importantly, certification allows our patrons to either travel to other libraries to borrow items or obtain them via interlibrary loan for delivery to our library. Without certification neither is possible.

Unfortunately, the library and the town are faced with the same budget problems in the coming year. Again the town is facing a fiscal crisis, and again the library is in danger of losing its State Certification and \$20,000+ in State Aid.

## MATERIALS COLLECTIONS

Due to budget constraints, the library's materials budget was cut from a FY03 high of \$106,000 to \$77,000 in FY04, for a net loss of \$29,000.

13 magazine subscriptions were cancelled and numerous Reference subscriptions were eliminated from the collection. They will hopefully be updated at a future date.

## **HOURS OF OPERATION**

One particularly unfortunate consequence of the budget cuts is the loss of Sunday open hours. If the opportunity should arise in the future, the library will make every effort to resume opening on Sundays.

As mentioned earlier, initially the library also lost hours on Saturdays but those hours were restored after the October Town Meeting. The full Saturday schedule resumed at the beginning of December.

## **100 YEARS CELEBRATION**

The Library celebrated a very special birthday in 2004. The original Carnegie Building (now the Junior Library) turned 100 years old in June of 2004. To mark the occasion, the library held a very special birthday party/ice cream social with popcorn, cake, ice cream, and entertainment. Thanks to the more than 200 people who helped to recognize this very special occasion.

Thank you also to everyone who participated in our birthday candle fund drive. 114 individuals purchased candles for our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday cake and helped us raise over \$1700 to use for the purchase of library materials. Your support is truly appreciated

## **STONEHAM READS**

This year the Library inaugurated a new program called Stoneham Reads. For its first selection the Library chose a book entitled *Bel Canto*. We were fortunate, through the efforts of May Forkin, the Assistant Director, to borrow enough copies of the book to loan a copy to whomever wanted one. Several programs were run in conjunction with the book including an opera program in cooperation with the Longy School of Music Opera Department and the Stoneham Theater and an appearance by the musical group Inca Son.

It was a great program that we hope to continue with another book selection in the future.

## **CHILDREN S PROGRAMMING**

The Junior Library continues to offer excellent programs for children of all ages. In 2004 more than 2,740 children attended pre-School Story Hour programs, 475 participated in the Summer Reading Program, and 8,011 attended other programs offered by the Junior Library. It was a very busy and successful year.



## THANK YOU

As always, I and the Library Board of Trustees would like to thank the staff of the Stoneham Public Library for their continued hard work during challenging times. Staff members have displayed a level of professionalism and care for our patrons that make us both proud and grateful. The Stoneham Public Library continues to be open more hours with a smaller and more underpaid staff than any library in our area.

We would also like to thank the Stoneham Savings Bank for their grant which allowed the library to purchase new computers for use by the public. We would also like to thank the Stoneham Kiwanis for their generous donation in memory of Joanne Harriman which is allowing us to revamp the Young Adult section of the library. Its official opening will be in early 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary P. Todd  
Library Director

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Department of Public Works is now operating with a total complement of twenty-eight full time employees. This includes Engineering and Administrative personnel as well as Water, Sewer, Highway, Cemetery, and Equipment Maintenance staffing. As noted in recent years, our current complement of employees necessitates the "privatization" of more aspects of our operation.

Three employees left the Department this year and we were unable to replace them due to budgetary constraints. Robert Little retired after 18 years of service. John Earle left for medical reasons after 5 years of service. John Martignetti resigned after 3 years of service. We thank these employees for their dedicated work and wish them the best in the future. A special thanks to Marge Muir who returned to work after her retirement to help run the office by providing coverage when she was needed.

In 1981 there were 67 full time employees in the Department. Today's complement of 28 employees is not nearly enough to adequately and safely maintain the Town and its infrastructure while addressing everyday issues.

As a result, most of our tree work including regular maintenance and emergency removal; most of our sidewalk resurfacing and/or replacement; and most of our water main installations/replacements are accomplished by private contractors. This movement towards "privatization" leaves the Town shorthanded when

confronted with emergencies such as hurricanes or major snowstorms. In order to provide adequate plowing services, additional contractors must be hired.

The Department is directly involved in the Town's recycling program. The drop-off center and leaf programs were very active and successful. In order to better serve the residents, seven curbside leaf pickups were scheduled during the spring and fall, and a Christmas tree pick-up in early January. Curbside recycling participation has been exceptional. A book drop off has been added to the Recycling Center.

Once again, the Department took advantage of the State offered inmate work/release program. Several weeks of work were performed by this group, including grass mowing, leaf raking and general cleanup of the cemetery. This program has proven to be a valuable supplement to the depleted D.P.W. forces. However, due to increasing demand by other communities, obtaining this help is becoming more difficult each year.

## **ENGINEERING**

Working under the direction and guidance of the Public Works Director/Town Engineer, Engineering plans and supervises the diverse activities performed by the Public Works Department. The activities range from trench and pothole repair, to sign installation and replacement, to water main replacement and sanitary sewer and storm drainage design, to assessing and selecting locations for new trees, to cemetery roadway and plot planning, construction and plot layout, to contract and bid specification writing, site plan and subdivision review with associated surety need estimates and subsequent updates. This division also oversees the planning, design, construction, and renovation of the many miles of water, sewer, and storm drainage piping within the Town's distribution and collection systems; the 70 mile plus roadway network; and the maintenance of the various buildings and properties under the control of the Department of Public Works, including maintenance of the Town Hall. In addition, Engineering serves as a consultant to virtually every Town department and committee.

Engineering is also responsible for the maintenance, upgrading and updating of the multitude of plans and records kept by the Department. Scaled drawings and field sketches indicating the age, type and location of virtually every sewer and water main, and each service connection, as well as the related pumping stations and appurtenances, are maintained and updated so as to provide all necessary information on short notice.

During the year, the Division prepared bidding documents, solicited bids and evaluated proposals for twenty different contracts. Over 70 proposals for various equipment, materials, services and construction contracts were received, considered and recommendations for award or rejection rendered.



The Board of Selectmen forwarded twelve new or revised site plans for our review and evaluation during 2004. Considerable time was expended reviewing projects at Christopher Street, #591-597 Main Street (formerly the Spot Pond Motel), the Washington Street (at Pomeworth Street) condominiums, the former site of the New England Memorial Hospital and the Saint Patrick's Church. The Planning Board requested our input regarding seven subdivisions consisting of over 50 lots. Significant construction took place within the Aspen Lane, Murdock Road, Rowe Hill Road, Sam Miles Circle and Skyewood Drive extension subdivisions.

Every subdivision plan submitted to the Planning Board is thoroughly reviewed in terms of roadway and utility design and conformity to regulations, as well as the overall impact of the development on local neighborhoods. Once a subdivision plan is approved and the developer is ready to initiate construction, Engineering calculates the amount of surety required to ensure the ultimate completion of the subdivision. For each subdivision, several surety adjustment recommendations must be made during the course of construction and prior to final release. In addition, Engineering is responsible for the daily inspection of all ongoing roadway and utility work being performed in the various subdivisions and at construction sites, as well as the final inspection of each subdivision and the development of a punch list for completion prior to the final surety release.

As of November 1, 2000, the Town of Stoneham purchased the 1560 street-lights in Town from NStar (formerly Boston Edison Company). Upgrades, additions, and repairs are now performed by way of a contract with Wakefield Municipal Light Department. Nearly all maintenance issues are resolved in a timely fashion, the exception being problems with direct bury wiring from the early 1980s. Trenching and conduit installation to repair several longstanding outages will be accomplished as funding allows.

The Cross Connection Control program was initiated in 1992 in order to comply with the applicable provisions of Public Law 93-523, the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974; and Massachusetts Regulation 310 CMR, Section 22.22, Protection of Sources of Water. Beta Programs International, Inc., is providing continuing building surveying, device testing and computer services.

Acting in their capacity as consultants, the Engineers are continuously called upon to assist in the development and review of the plans for the many specialized projects undertaken by the Town.



Engineering continues working with and administering the contracts of various consulting engineering firms. Among the consulting firms are:

1. Beta Programs International, Inc. (Cross Connection Control)
2. Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. (Sewer System Evaluation and Improvements)
3. Tremco Roofing (Roof Evaluations)
4. Water & Waste Pipe Testing (water leak detection survey)
5. Fay, Spofford and Thorndike, Inc. (Oak Street drain design and bid, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (N P D E S) permit)

The Sewer System Evaluation Study referred to above is being accomplished at least in part with funding from grants. A great deal of time is spent applying for and administering these evaluation and construction grant awards and submitting appropriate reimbursement request documentation. Additional filming of potential problem areas as identified by the aqua zoom process (the northwest section of Town) took place during 2004. Over 90% of our system has now been filmed in this manner. Additional related work included the installation of a second new pump at the East Side (Rita Road) pumping station and the installation of a new emergency generator at the Northwest (North Street) pumping station. Preparations are also being made for further improvements at the East Side pumping station. Malcolm Pirnie, Inc., is readying contracts for sealing, relining (pipes and manholes), spot repairs and testing and sealing to be bid in 2005. This work has been very successful in reducing infiltration and inflow into the Town's sewer system and as a result the Town has not increased its sewer rate for the past 4 years.

Significant progress was made on several construction projects during 2004. The total reconstruction of Franklin Street that had been awarded to D.&R. Construction of Stoneham in late 2000 has now been completed. Throughout this project, the Engineers acted as liaison between the residents, the Commonwealth, and the contractor regarding many issues related to the work.

During December, work began on the installation of a pedestrian crossing signal for Montvale Avenue at Lindenwood Cemetery. Also in December, after having been approved for nearly \$20,000.00 in reimbursement from NStar, our traffic signal maintenance contractor, Electric Light Company, began the replacement of all bulbs in our traffic signals with LED lenses. The LEDs have a life 5 to 7 times longer and use 80% less energy than standard lamps.

A third project provided for the installation of sanitary sewer from West Wyoming Avenue to provide service to dwellings on Brook Street. The sewer was installed during May of 2004.

Other significant projects were as follows:

1. Town sidewalk/curbing installation program and/or Chapter 90 funded sidewalk work.
2. Clean up Spring Lane and Stevens Street storage and recycling yards.
3. Providing appropriate plans and supporting documentaion and holding hearings associated with the acceptance of streets as Public Ways.
4. Coordination of the installation, upgrading, and maintenance of street lighting.
5. Leaf disposal program
6. Development of the annual paving program including the submission of various project request forms and subsequent reimbursement request forms related to work being done with state funding (Chapter 90).
7. Administering contracts for the maintenance of the Town Common, Main Street islands, and parks including mowing and irrigation.
8. Snow plow contractor hiring, route assignment, and coordination of efforts related to plowing, salting, and sanding operations.
9. The complete reconstruction of Oak Street.

## **HIGHWAY**

The following streets or portions thereof were excavated by cold planer during 2004:

1. Beacon Street
2. Bow Street Street
3. Brookbridge Road
4. Lindenwood Road
5. Oak Street
6. Stone Avenue

The following streets or portions thereof were resurfaced during 2004:

1. Beacon Street
2. Bow Street Court
3. Brookbridge Road
4. Lindenwood Road
5. Oak Street
6. Stone Avenue

## **SHADE TREE PROGRAM**

Lack of funding resulted in a reduction in the number of trees purchased and planted during 2004. Hopefully more money will be available in the future to expand this popular program. Only about 25 trees were planted during 2004

## **SIDEWALK/ACCESSIBILITY**

Fiscal constraints resulted in the elimination of our sidewalk program of recent years. Consequently, sidewalk work accomplished during 2004 was only that related to roadway resurfacing projects.

In conjunction with our resurfacing program, bituminous concrete sidewalks on parts of the following streets were removed and replaced or resurfaced. Some of the work was performed by Town forces and some by our contractor, D & R General Contracting of Stoneham.

1. North Street
2. Oak Street

## **HIGHWAY – Paving by Contractor during 2004**

1. Rowe Hill Road (top course)
2. Sam Miles Circle (binder course)
3. Sycamore Road

## **CATCH BASIN CLEANING**

Approximately 2,000 catch basins and drain manholes were cleaned by Lloyd Truax and Co., Inc., of Foxboro, Massachusetts. The key to a trouble-free drainage system is the timely sweeping of all streets in early Spring, followed immediately by the cleaning of all catch basins to remove winter sand and other debris. Due to fiscal constraints, sweeping services were provided only by our own sweeper, thus extending the time to complete the project. Experience has shown that it is much easier to remove foreign materials from street surfaces and catch basins than it is from storm drainage piping. A well-timed program minimizes flooding in streets and on private property by keeping the storm drainage system free of sand and debris.

## **TRAFFIC LINE PAINTING AND SIGNAL MAINTENANCE**

1. Markings, Inc., of Pembroke, Massachusetts, provides line, word and symbol painting.
2. Traffic signal maintenance was provided by Electric Light Company, Inc., of Cape Neddick, Maine.



## SEWER CONSTRUCTION BY TOWN

1. Brook Street - 260 feet of 8 inch P.V.C. and 3 manholes

## SEWER CONSTRUCTION BY CONTRACTOR

1. Sam Miles Circle – 177 feet of 8 inch P.V.C. and 3 manholes

## WATER CONSTRUCTION BY TOWN

		SIZE	LENGTH	GATES	HYDRANTS
1.	Atwood Avenue	8 inch	70 feet	2	-----
2.	Hall Road	8 inch	575 – 6"	2	1
3.	Hillside Road	8 inch	344 feet	3	1
4.	Jefts Terrace	6 & 4 inch	6 feet, 160 feet	1 (6")	1
5.	Spring Street	8 inch	1301 – 6"	6	3
6.	West Hancock Street	8 inch	374 feet	1	1

## WATER CONSTRUCTION BY CONTRACTOR

		SIZE	LENGTH	GATES	HYDRANTS
1.	Sam Miles Circle	8"	208	1	1

## SNOW FIGHTING

The total snowfall for the 2003-2004 winter season was 47½ inches. Four storms needed to be plowed, the largest being snowfalls of 24 inches on December 5, 2003; 6 inches on December 14, 2003; and 9 inches on March 16, 2004.

## CEMETERY

A new section of Lindenwood Cemetery was made available for sale in the spring of 2003.

Number of lots sold – January through December 31, 2004 – 68

Number of interments – January through December 31, 2004 – 101

## **TREE DIVISION**

The budget for FY05 voted at the 2004 Annual Town Meeting reduced tree maintenance monies by 90%. As a result, no contractors could be retained under an annual contract to provide for trimming or emergency work.

Trees removed – 36  
Stumps ground – 39

## **MISCELLANEOUS CALLS**

The following work was performed by Department personnel in response to phone calls. Department action may have required 15 minutes work by one man, or several days work by three men with trucks and an excavator.

### **SEWER RELATED CALLS**

1.	Main sewer plugs	15
2.	Sewer service plugs	50
3.	Sewer service excavation/repair	6
4.	Miscellaneous sewer calls	60

### **WATER RELATED CALLS**

1.	Water main break	4
2.	Water service repairs including service gates	55
3.	Meter repairs/replacements/readings	600
4.	Water turn on/off	70
5.	Rusty water calls	45
	(mostly related to flushing, some internal problems)	
6.	Miscellaneous calls	95
7.	Hydrant repairs	20
8.	Hydrant replacement/installation	25
9.	Water service relays	15
10.	Frozen service calls	14

### **DRAIN RELATED CALLS**

1.	Miscellaneous drain calls	65
2.	Drain repairs/replacements	20

## MISCELLANEOUS CALLS

1.	Sign installations/replacements/repairs	240\
2.	Dead animal pick-ups	150

## SERVICE INSTALLATIONS BY CONTRACTOR

New water services	13
New sewer services	19

## MISCELLANEOUS WORK

1. Winterize hydrants
2. Sewer flushing program, continuous critical area inspection
3. Install and remove Christmas lights/decorations
4. Repair and fill sand barrels
5. Rake and pick up leaves from Town properties
6. Shade tree program
7. Water meter replacement program
8. Remote reader installation program
9. Weekly recycling program
10. Water main flushing program
11. Clean sump chambers at pumping stations
12. Seasonally change decorative banners along Main Street
13. Replace or repair defective hydrants as necessary.
14. Replace damaged and/or missing regulatory and street signs. Add signs as needed.
15. Semi-annual hazardous waste collection
16. Perform maintenance work on the skateboard park. Position and install new equipment as obtained.
17. Clearing critical catch basin grates.



**STONEHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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**2004 ANNUAL REPORT  
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# SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The 2003/2004 school year was a very productive and successful year for the Stoneham School Committee. The School Committee's Five-Year Strategic Plan continued to provide valuable direction for the development of individual school site plans and the setting of yearly systemwide educational goals.

An overview of the current Five-Year 2001-2005 Strategic Plan includes the following:

## **District Goal 1: Curriculum**

To insure delivery of the most current research-based curriculum utilizing:

- adequate and appropriate texts and materials
- effective, high impact professional development
- accountability through administrative support, monitoring, and evaluation

## **District Goal 2: Technology**

To continue the utilization of technology as a communications and teaching tool that integrates with curriculum in a manner that:

- promotes more effective learning
- reflects how information and resources are accessed, analyzed, and communicated in the real world
- promotes critical thinking skills

## **District Goal 3: Finance**

To implement a budget development and management process that promotes accountability and community support for the Stoneham Public Schools' identified financial needs.

## **District Goal 4: Facilities**

To provide physical plant facilities that maximize the range of learning opportunities through the provision and maintenance of adequate space and equipment.

## **District Goal 5: Personnel**

To develop a five-year plan for the inclusion of additional instructional and support staff to meet enrollment-driven and school committee approved program enhancement needs.

The School Committee began the 2003/2004 school year by accepting the resignation of School Committee member David Sheils. At a joint meeting of the School Committee and Board of Selectmen held on August 27, 2003, Kristin Russo was appointed to replace David Sheils until the next regularly scheduled Town election. Kristin had previously served on the Stoneham Finance and Advisory Committee.

In September 2003, the School Committee heard a report from High School Principal Dr. Thomas Ryan and Middle School Principal Mr. James Andreottola concerning class size conditions in Stoneham's secondary schools. It was reported, due to staff reductions, class size in both schools was extremely high. Dr. Ryan indicated the High School started the 2003/2004 school year with 48 classes with enrollments in the high twenty to low thirties. Mr. Andreottola reported at the Middle School, 22 sections were above 26 students per class. The School Committee established controlling class size at all grades as their most important goal for FY2004.

At the conclusion of the 2002/2003 school year, contract agreements between the School Committee and the seven collective bargaining units within the school department expired. As a result, the School Committee spent considerable time during the first half of the 2003/2004 school year finalizing new three year contracts with all collective bargaining units. By February 2004 all school department collective bargaining agreements had been ratified. Contract settlements with all employee units provided for a year one salary increase of 1.5 percent and approximately 6% over three years.

Responding to directives from the Town Building Inspector, the School Committee successfully sponsored a warrant article at the October 27, 2003 Town Meeting to fund the replacement of plexiglass window panels with tempered glass at the Middle School and High School. This warrant article also sought funding to replace existing exit and fire doors at the Middle School and High School that, due to age, were no longer code compliant. Also included in this warrant article was funding to continue replacing sections of roof at the Middle School and High School.

In December 2003, the School Committee entered into discussions with the North Reading School Department to lease the old Central School for the purpose of temporarily housing the Batchelder Elementary School. North Reading was in the process of rebuilding the Batchelder Elementary School and had a need to find an alternative location for a period of two academic years. The old Central School had been left vacant since the opening of the new Central School in November 2002. The School Committee had been actively pursuing the leasing of this unoccupied building to help generate revenue to assist the Town's growing fiscal crisis. In January of 2004, North Reading agreed to lease the old Central School for school years 2004/2005 and 2005/2006. As a result, the School Committee was able to generate \$130,000 in FY2005 and \$143,000 for FY2006 to help off-set the Town's budget gap.



The School Committee welcomed the Stoneham High School's Boys Soccer Team to their January 22, 2004 School Committee meeting. At this meeting, the members of the soccer team and their coaching staff were recognized for winning the Middlesex League Championship, MIAA North Section and Eastern Massachusetts Championships and the Massachusetts Class C State Championship.

During the 2003/2004 school year, the School Committee took action to amend or adopt the following School Committee policies:

**Policy 6-28 Field Trips** – amend procedures to be followed for late night and overnight school sponsored field trips.

**Policy 5-23** – Community Use of School Facilities – agreed not to charge public and private groups that exist in Stoneham for the direct betterment of the youth in Stoneham for the use of school facilities. This policy change reinforced the School Committee's commitment to have all Stoneham Public Schools function as community schools.

**Policy 8-1 CORI Requirements** – adopted a policy that requires all Stoneham employees and regularly scheduled volunteers to receive a CORI check at least every three years.

Between the months of January and May 2004, the School Committee worked closely with the Finance and Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen to develop a FY2005 school and town budget that reflected available revenues. Several public meetings were held leading up to the May Town Meeting for the purpose of developing and discussing program and personnel reductions to help balance the FY2005 School Budget. The School Committee eventually took action to reduce their proposed FY2005 School Budget by \$700,000 and identified additional programs and personnel totaling \$1,450,000 that would be contingent on the successful passage of a Proposition 2-1/2 override. On June 15, 2004, the override ballot question requesting \$2,900,000 for Town-wide services was defeated. As a result, the School Committee was required to reduce the 2004/2005 operating budget by \$1,450,000, which required the elimination of the following thirty school department positions:

- 2.0 Administrators: Elem. Curriculum Director and K-12 Fine Arts Program Supervisor
- 5.4 High School Teachers
- 6.6 Middle School Teachers
- 8.5 Elementary Teachers and Specialists
- 4.0 Elementary Aides
- 1.5 School Secretaries
- 2.0 Custodians

During the 2003/2004 school year, the School Committee successfully implemented a full-day tuition based Kindergarten Program at the South School. Parents of kindergarten children were given the option of enrolling their kindergarten-age child in a five day a week full-day program for a tuition fee of \$3,500 per year. The revenue generated paid for the full-time kindergarten staff and also provided much needed funds to supplement the elementary schools instructional supply budgets which had been reduced due to budget cuts. This program proved to be so successful that registration numbers for the full-day kindergarten program for school year 2004/2005 tripled, allowing the program to be expanded to include the Colonial Park and Robin Hood Schools.

The Spring 2003 Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test results, administered to all students in grades three, four, five, six, seven, eight and ten in English, Math, Science, Technology and Social Studies, were released by the School Committee in October 2003 and presented at a public forum in November 2003.

MCAS tests were designed to evaluate each school system's effectiveness in implementing the statewide curriculum frameworks. Year 2003 results, which were the sixth year of administration of this test, continued to demonstrate the performance of Stoneham students in all grades tested to be at or above statewide performance.

The 2004 Town elections saw Kristin Russo elected to a full three year term and David Sheils elected to fill out the remaining year in the term vacated by Kristin Russo. At the June School Committee meeting, Cheryl Walsh was elected to serve as Chairperson and David Sheils was elected to serve as Vice Chairperson for the 2004/2005 school year.

At the final meeting of the year, Chairperson Cheryl Walsh announced the 2003/2004 recipients of the Stoneham School Committee's Crystal Apple Awards. Recipients honored were:

#### **Crystal Apple Awards - 2004**

**Thomas Cullen**

Police Sergeant, DARE officer at the Middle School for last ten years and long time Community Police member. Officer Cullen has touched the lives of over 2000 children in helping them understand the dangers of alcohol, drugs and tobacco.

#### **William Seabury**

Long time resident of Stoneham, taught Physical Education and coached numerous sports. In the past 35 years, he has coached soccer for 6 years, golf

for 18 years, baseball for 30 years, and ice hockey for 35 years. During his tenure as a coach, Bill had been selected Middlesex League Coach of the Year and also named to the Massachusetts Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

### **Robert McArdle**

Director of Pupil Personnel Services since 1999. Responsible for Special Education Program, Title I Program, Guidance Program K-12 and School Health Services. During his tenure, Mr. McArdle administered these programs with distinction. He had been recently honored as the outstanding Special Education Administrator in Massachusetts.

### **Judy Katz**

Parent, patron of the arts and community volunteer. Her tireless efforts working with parents, community members and local business establishments on behalf of the schools provided numerous extra-curricular opportunities.

### **Ruth Cronin**

Executive Secretary to the Superintendent and the School Committee.

## **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Each year five high school students are selected by their peers to represent the views of students at all School Committee meetings. These student representatives receive all non-confidential materials and are encouraged to state their opinions on public agenda items and reports. Although the students do not vote, their views are carefully considered by the town-elected Committee members. The resulting discussions enable the members of the Committee to understand the issues at hand from a student's perspective. In 2003-2004 that perspective included views on courses at the high school, the budget process, grouping procedures, and the MCAS Testing Program. Representing the student body during 2004-2005 are Brian Ansbighian, Elise Brown, Kelly Brown, Anne Catalano, Alison D Orsi, Betsy Higer, Ashley Sullivan and Megan Sutherland. We wish to also acknowledge the contribution of Anne Catalano, Alison D Orsi, Morrisa Higer, Carl LoConte and Ashley Sullivan who served during the 2003-2004 school year.

## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT 2004**

The 2003/2004 school year was a year comprised of many difficult challenges and phenomenal cooperation from all members of our educational community. The School Department spent almost the entire FY2004 school year struggling to keep



valued school programs and necessary school personnel in place as the Town dealt with another fiscal year of significant budget reductions.

In spite of the difficult financial atmosphere, the Stoneham community celebrated the dedication and reopening of the Colonial Park School and Robin Hood School during the month of October 2003. Also taking place in October was the induction of the inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame class. The ceremony, which was attended by over 500 people, was held at the Montvale Plaza on October 25, 2003. Hall of Fame inductees included the following:

Cliff Thompson	1937	Football, Basketball, Baseball
John Russell	1940	Football, Hockey, Baseball
Frank O Grady	1949	Hockey, Baseball
Paul Norden	1950	Hockey, Baseball
Ellis Lane	1961	Football, Basketball, Baseball
Ron Melkonian	1975	Indoor Track, Outdoor Track
Paul White	1976	Football, Hockey, Baseball
Kristin Seabury Till	1987	Cross-Country, Indoor Track and Outdoor Track
Joe Vitiello	1988	Football, Basketball, Baseball
Amy Whelan	1992	Soccer, Basketball, Softball
Bob Margarita	1964-2002	Teacher, Football Coach and Equipment Manager
John Fawcett	1953-1987	Teacher, Coach and Athletic Director
Boys Ice Hockey Team	1969-1970	Middlesex League Champs

In November, the School Committee hosted a presentation which saw Scott DeAmicis, senior at Stoneham High School, receive the MASS Certificate of Academic Excellence Award from the Superintendent of Schools.

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) was administered to students in grades three through ten. Program Supervisors, building principals and teaching staff worked diligently throughout the school year preparing students for the MCAS tests. Remediation programs were once again offered to target and support those students in grades 10, 11 and 12 who were at risk of not passing the requisite Mathematics and English sections of this statewide assessment test. The remediation programs and extra help sessions, held during after school hours and on weekends, proved so effective that by the conclusion of the 2003/2004 school year all members of the senior class had passed the MCAS test.

In spite of much energy and attention being focused on budgetary issues, it is important to emphasize instructional practices and educational excellence continued to be the Stoneham School Department's highest priority.

Early literacy grants allowed elementary teachers to pilot the highly successful Foundations program which provided our elementary students with strong phonics and language development instructional programs. These grants also helped fund necessary professional development training for the classroom teachers.

The Colonial Park School was able to pilot the Investigations math program with a strong focus on developing critical thinking skills through a partnership with Northeastern University's Project Cesame and the Scott-Foresman company. Training and materials were provided to staff and students to supplement the existing elementary math programs in Stoneham.

At the secondary level, the Social Studies department engaged in a year long pilot of new texts and instructional materials to better align to newly revised Social Studies state frameworks.

The Stoneham High School staff and administration also began preparing for the upcoming Ten Year New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) Accreditation Process which is scheduled to take place at Stoneham High School during the FY2005 and FY2006 school years.

The 2003/2004 school year allowed the School Committee to once again consider overnight field trips sponsored by Stoneham High School academic departments and organizations. The advanced Spanish class, under the direction of World Language Program Supervisor Deborah Cronin, conducted a highly successful trip to Costa Rica. The French Club sponsored a very successful trip to Quebec, Canada. The High School Band, Choral and Drama Club, under the direction of Fine Arts Program Supervisor Robert Lague, were invited to perform at Walt Disney World/Epcot Center during the month of April 2004. Terrorism threats throughout the world had forced the school administration to reconsider overnight field trips immediately following the terrorist attack on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Given the continuing fiscal difficulties across the state, the FY2005 budget development process required the allocation of much time and energy on the part of the administrative team. Every effort was made to provide the School Committee with budgetary details which would assist them in identifying "least harmful" personnel and programmatic budget cuts to be considered. Required reductions to the 2004/2005 School Budget totaled over two million dollars. The FY2005 School Budget, which was approved at the May 2004 Annual Town Meeting, represented a \$1,037,854 or 4.72 percent reduction from the FY2004 approved budget.

Substantial and uncontrollable increases in employee health insurance, heat and utility expenses, and mandated special education tuition and transportation costs made the reduction in funding all the more difficult to manage. Initially, it was felt that these reductions would require over fifty school personnel to be laid-off.

Careful tracking of unemployment liability funds and the use of special education "circuit breaker" funds, that became available for the first time in late fiscal year 2004, allowed the school administration and School Committee to limit school personnel reductions to thirty (30) positions.

While the 2003/2004 school year saw many school programs adversely affected by necessary budget reductions, it was also a year that produced numerous initiatives by many community residents to help restore lost programs. Fund raising efforts and generous support offered to the Stoneham schools helped restore several of the lost Middle School and High School extra curricular activities.

As the 2004/2005 year was beginning, many high school students and their parents, as well as generous and supportive citizens, were already planning and organizing activities to help restore many of the programs that were eliminated from the FY2005 School Budget.

On behalf of the Stoneham School Committee and the entire school community, I sincerely thank the people of Stoneham that have worked so tirelessly to preserve and maintain educational excellence in Stoneham.

## **RETIREES**

A number of staff members retired during the 2003-2004 school year. At the High School Ms. Elsie Brennan, guidance counselor, retired after 28 years; Mrs. Gale O Toole, guidance counselor, retired after 25 years; Ms. Lucille Webb, paraprofessional, retired after 25 years, Mr. Bill Butler, custodian, retired after 21 years; Mrs. Marie Funk, Director of Elementary Curriculum retired after 3 years; and long-time cafeteria worker Mrs. Ellen Piaseczynski retired after 20 years.

At the Middle School the following staff retired: Ms. Patricia Fallon, English teacher, retired after 33 years; Mr. Robert Giannino, physical education teacher retired after 34 years; Harriet Cort, Science/Health teacher retired after 11 years; and Mr. James Kirley who taught Social Studies retired after 33 years.

At the elementary level, the following staff retired: Mrs. Cathy Curran, school secretary at South School retired after 17 years; and William Seabury, physical education teacher retired after 35 years.

We are extremely grateful for their many years of dedicated service and wish them all the best in the years ahead.



## **SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICE**

### **SUPPORT SERVICES**

The School Business Office is responsible for support services. The department is responsible for managing the School Department Budget. In addition the office is responsible for processing accounts payable and payroll.

### **SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM**

This School Lunch Program provides breakfast at the High School for approximately 250 students and staff, and lunch throughout the system for approximately 1,300 students and staff every day. Under the direction of Denis Dockham, Cafeteria Services Director, 26 employees operate a full-service cafeteria at the High School, partial-service cafeterias (some cooking) at the Middle School, Central School, South School Robin Hood School, and Colonial Park School.

The School Lunch Program is a self supporting department. School Lunch Program overhead expenses, including equipment repair, are covered by revenue generated from sales to students and staff. The 2003-2004 school year cost for a Type A lunch is \$1.80 (price took effect September 2001) and was increased to \$2.00 effective September 2004.

### **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

In response to budget challenges, Stoneham Public Schools instituted a bus rider user fee that began in School Year 1999-2000. During the 2003-2004 School Year, 157 students paid a user fee of \$400 to use the school bus service. All school bussing in Stoneham was eliminated at the end of the 2003-2004 School Year due to insufficient registration which resulted from the rider user fee being increased to \$600 per student in order to cover the contracted transportation price.

### **SYSTEMWIDE DATA PROCESSING**

The Data Processing Coordinator manages student data reporting to the Massachusetts D.O.E., maintains the database using Oracle tools and SQL, maintains user accounts and client software, is responsible for backing up the database, trains and supports the database users and creates customized queries and reports using SQL and Microsoft Access software.

# CENTRAL SCHOOL

## Annual Report 2004

The past school year was very rewarding for the entire Central School community. New programs, addressing learning and academic needs, as well as, social and emotional areas were implemented. The ultimate success of these initiatives was due to the united efforts of the teachers, parents and administration. This long standing, positive combination continues to make the difference.

Total enrollment in January 2004 was approximately 388 students in Kindergarten through grade five, decreased by 5 students from January 2003. Central School housed several different classroom configurations. Models were based upon the academic, social and emotional needs and the individual education plans of our students. We served our special needs population in grades three, four and five with inclusionary classroom settings. Grades three and five also had integrated classrooms. The remaining classrooms were general education settings.

Central School's vision for the past school year was guided by the goals stated in our School Improvement Plan for 2004. This plan was developed and implemented with contributions from our entire school community including faculty, staff, administrators, parents and students. Our focus for this past year was on the following areas:

**CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE:** As demonstrated in our students' report cards and projects our grade three standardized Reading test scores, and our grades three, four and five MCAS standardized test results, Central School students attained the academic benchmarks determined by the Massachusetts Department of Education.

**TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA:** Our new facility has offered a wealth of educational opportunities for our children. The Media Center, composed of our well stocked library and state of the art computer lab, made it possible for all our students to have access to the world of printed and internet information. Students from all grades, including kindergarten, have been scheduled weekly for sessions in our library and computer lab.

Since the loss of our librarian due to budget cuts, many library activities and projects once coordinated by our librarian are no longer offered. In November of 2004, a library aide was hired to provide assistance to teachers and students for general access to the library. Computer classes enabled our students to create and design bookmarks, book plates, book report projects, power point presentations, research reports and much more. In the classroom, multimedia presentation stations have been utilized by the faculty as additional teaching tools. This technology has been integrated into the classroom instruction and addressed varying learning styles of our students.



**CLASS SIZE:** Central School maintained its primary kindergarten through grade two class sizes with 17 - 22 students, not exceeding our goal of 22-24 pupils per classroom. Grades three, four and five, met our goal of no more than 24-26 pupils per classroom, with classes ranging from 20 – 25 students. This disparity among classes is based upon special education programs at the third, fourth and fifth grade levels.

**SCHOOL SAFETY:** A system-wide Crisis Intervention Plan was adopted in September of 2001. Central School developed a parallel plan unique to our own specific safety needs. Each school year, our plan is reviewed for all staff to insure that the appropriate procedures will be followed.

Our Crisis Plan's effectiveness was unfortunately put to the test in October 2004 when a tragic car accident, injuring twelve people occurred at dismissal time. Teachers, school nurse, and support staff quickly assumed their emergency roles and assisted in any way they could. The incident and its aftermath were handled according to our plan with tremendous support from local school personnel and neighboring communities.

Adjustments to the supervised traffic patterns continued to be assessed and altered to insure a smooth flow of arrival and dismissal traffic.

**SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT:** Great efforts continued to be made to build a strong, cohesive and supportive learning community that maintained a nurturing, academic classroom environment for our children. Our Core Values of Respect for Self and Others, Responsibility for Our Choices, Kindness to All, Love of Reading and Writing, and Our Best Effort Possible were infused with our everyday work and activities.

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT:** Much of our success has been due to the ever present support of our parents and guardians of our educational efforts with their children. Central School's PTO was always ready and willing to tackle any and all tasks requested of them. This vital component of our school community provided monies that enabled our students to interact, during their school day, with Author in Residence, Mad Scientist, Animal Rescue, Native Indians and many more. The PTO funded field trips for our students that provided many opportunities to explore their world and expand their understanding of the instruction presented in their classrooms. Over one hundred of our children's parents have volunteered their time, effort and creativity in a multitude of ways in our library, computer lab, lunch room and in our classrooms.

Central School and the Stoneham Bank have established a school-business partnership to benefit the academic, social and emotional needs of our students. Thanks to this endeavor our students attend an After School Homework Club that



provided teacher assistance to students in need of extra help with homework. The employees of Stoneham Bank volunteer with the Read Aloud program by visiting our classrooms monthly, to read to our students. New this year was the "Saving Makes Cents" program sponsored by Stoneham Bank and taught by its volunteer employees. This program introduced our third grade students to the importance of saving money, including establishing individual savings account for our students. Our children thoroughly enjoy their visits and look forward to the arrival of these special guests.

A few yearly events were celebrated at Central School. These included Back to School Night, American Education Week, National Book Week, and Turn off Your TV Week, Memorial Day Remembrance, and Authors in Residence. Due to budget restraints and the sharing of elementary Fine Arts staff, the annual Veterans Day and Holiday/winter music programs were not held.

During the past school year, the Central School faculty and staff continued to focus on the steady improvement of our students literacy skills including listening, speaking and written communication skills. The John Collins program emphasized hands-on training focused upon teaching strategies and techniques and classroom activities being implemented in the classroom.

Our Lunch Buddy program had our younger students in Kindergarten assigned to an older fourth grade student buddy during their lunch time. Our fourth graders eagerly awaited their assignment of their new buddy each September. The program continued to be successful and was another way of instilling our Core Values of respect, responsibility and kindness.

With a dedicated and caring faculty and staff, involved and loving parents and guardians, and a supportive Central Office and School Committee, our school continued to thrive.

## **COLONIAL PARK SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2004**

Colonial Park School opened its doors September 7, 2003, for a student population consisting of 236 students in Kindergarten through fifth grade, and also 76 students attending the Stoneham Pre School Program. Average class size for the 2003/2004 school year was approximately 21 students. In September of 2004, Colonial Park School opened a full day Kindergarten class. Full day Kindergarten continues to be a goal for all students. Colonial Park School includes two classes at each grade level except grade 4 where there is one class. The building houses thirteen elementary classrooms, art and music rooms, a science lab, a computer lab, a library media center, a cafeteria, and a complete gym. The stage area which

is open to both the gym and the cafeteria has been the site for book fairs, holiday activities, enrichment events, and special school programs. Each of these spaces is utilized for instruction during the school day, and the facility is also used by the After School Program, youth sports groups, Brownies and Cub Scouts on a regular basis. The entire Colonial Park community is proud of the new school and enthusiastic about the expanded educational opportunities that it offers for students, their families, and the Stoneham community.

One of the most exciting aspects of moving to the new building was the availability of technology. During 2004, the students have been exposed to Type to Learn and they developed basic computer skills. Students in grades 3-5 experimented with PowerPoint to complete and present grade level reports. The fifth grade memory book was computer generated with the help of the students. Teachers used computer technology to present information at parent workshops, and more teachers are using the computer to complete report cards.

Many hours of professional development for staff during 2004 were devoted to the two building initiatives: Early Literacy including Foundations, and Investigations Math. Teachers were trained to administer and interpret the DIBELS screening instrument which helps to identify basic skills necessary for reading proficiency. Scores were used to remediate weak areas and direct classroom instruction. Investigations Math uses manipulative based grade level tasks to help students discover and explain different, thoughtful solutions to a question. Students work in pairs and groups to solve problems and explain their thinking.

Colonial Park students continue to do well in overall MCAS performance. Adequate Yearly Progress, as reported on the Individual School Performance Rating by the Department of Education, has been met in both Language Arts and Math. The administration and teachers continue to work to help students with test strategies so test scores reflect individual student progress and growth in the classroom.

Parents of Colonial Park students are active members of the school community. They share the responsibility for educating children, and they continue to be a valuable resource for the school. The PTO offers parents many opportunities for involvement in the school. The organization supports educational programs for all students like the Earth Balloon, Native American Traditions and theater productions that are linked to the curriculum. Parents assist in the classrooms, in the media center, and the computer lab. Field trips, grade level activities, and Read-A-Thons, are developed and planned by the PTO. Other committees provide targeted assistance in areas such as fifth grade closing activities, web site production and the Outdoor Classroom. With help from parents, students are also involved with community service projects that provide food and holiday gifts to needy families. Grandparents and also community volunteers read to students, work in the Outdoor Classroom and provide a link to the community. A Community Police Officer assists during field trips, visits with students during lunch, and makes special classroom visits.



The Colonial Park School Council consists of the principal, teachers, parents, and a community volunteer. The council meets periodically to discuss building issues, curriculum initiatives, and to develop the yearly School Improvement Plan. In 2004, the council reviewed the Mission and the Core Values statement at the beginning of the improvement plan. Surveys were sent to parents and to the staff discussing the two key questions:

**WHAT IS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE? And WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE AT COLONIAL PARK SCHOOL?** The council reviewed the feedback and made revisions in the 2004 Improvement Plan. At Colonial Park School there is a strong link between the home and the classroom and parents are eager to assist in any capacity when needed.

An unexpected crisis in Stoneham brought a heightened awareness of safety in the fall of 2004. At Colonial Park, safety plans were reviewed by the administration and the staff. Dismissal procedures were critiqued and bollards were placed outside the rear entrance of the school to provide additional security for students at dismissal times. Traffic patterns were changed and new parking signs installed to improve visibility in the circular drive.

The spirit and sense of community that is Colonial Park was evident in the fall when parents, teachers, community volunteers, and staff worked with students to design, plant, and dedicate a special butterfly garden in the courtyard. A new "Gateway to Learning" entry gate to the Whip Hill reservation area was purchased. The school community began nature investigations under the direction of parent volunteers who had joined with the teaching staff to attend workshops presented by the Audubon Society linking the Outdoor Classroom to the Massachusetts Frameworks.

Colonial Park School has a safe, supportive, learning environment where students are encouraged to strive for excellence. The state of the art facility, superb academic program combined with excellent classroom instruction offers an environment where good things happen for children and their families.

## **ROBIN HOOD SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2004**

The Robin Hood School Community continues to utilize, appreciate, and enjoy our new school. We have implemented a "Respect" initiative, which focuses on respecting the building as well as one another. Students and staff take pride in their school. Our custodians are to be commended for keeping Robin Hood School looking great!



We have welcomed several new staff members to our Special Education Team this year. Kristopher van Herp is teaching our special needs integrated first grade program. Meghan O Hara joined us as a resource room teacher, Lynda DeStefano as a speech and language therapist, and Julia Belibasakis as a school psychologist. Transferring into Robin Hood from within Stoneham Public Schools are Alyson Hammon, Tracey Sardina, and Diana Crowe working with our hearing impaired students; Nancy Sidlowski as a Teaching Assistant, and Mary Daniels O Brien as our Title One Reading teacher.

Total enrollment is now 371 students. Currently we house three special education integrated programs at the primary level, a program for hearing impaired students, and seventeen K-5 classes. Average class size is 22 students, although we do have four classes of 27-29 students at both our fourth and fifth levels. In addition to the academic curriculum at each grade level, students participate in music, art, physical education, library, and computer lab. Students in grades 4-5 also receive Italian class bi-weekly, which is funded through a grant.

Parental involvement is strong at Robin Hood. Many parent volunteers assist in the building throughout the school day. Our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has funded several field trips and has sponsored several enrichment programs at the school. These include studying fossils, electricity, insects, owls, mapping, writer in residence, and theatre. Our PTO also sponsored several student/family activity nights, including Back to School Picnic, Halloween Party, Munch With Santa, and a Bingo Night.

We sincerely appreciate the hard work of all our parents, their fundraising efforts, and their strong commitment to public education in Stoneham.

Our School Council has also worked tirelessly on behalf of our school. Monthly meetings were held to implement our School improvement plan. Information forums for parents were conducted on MCAS results and how to help your child succeed, early literacy, technology, and physical fitness, health, and nutrition. The school council developed a comprehensive school improvement plan which is currently being implemented. Our mission continues to develop students who:

- \*are creative, critical, and independent thinkers
- \*have respect and tolerance for self and others
- \*know and apply communication and computation skills
- \*are healthy and responsible contributors to society

Professional development continues to be an important issue to the staff at Robin Hood School. In addition to working towards their own re-certification, staff have participated in numerous courses, workshops, and conferences throughout the year. Robin Hood teachers have enthusiastically participated in our system-wide Early Literacy Initiative and have worked diligently preparing our students for statewide assessments. The staff is to be commended for holding high standards for all students and helping each and every student achieve.

## **SOUTH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2004**

Despite our town-wide budget crisis and serious cuts to our programs, South School continues to focus on key elements of educating youngsters in meaningful ways. Each element is an example of how Stoneham as a district and South in particular, works with our parents and community to meet the needs of our children and their families.

Our tuition based Full Day Kindergarten Program continues to be a success. This year we have 16 children enrolled for a full week schedule, with Music, Art, Library and P.E. The longer day has provided children with greater opportunities for more in depth activities and better coverage of the curriculum.

Our After-School Childcare Program at South continues to do well. This program provides kids a great place to finish their homework, play games, and do fun activities. Children and parents report a great deal of satisfaction with this program.

Our Stop & Shop Homework Help Program is now in its second year. Our business partner, The Stop & Shop Supermarket Company, was able to fully fund our Homework Help Program this year with a very generous donation of \$4320. This program, a major goal of our School Improvement Plan, serves to lengthen the school day for a number of our students, and give them help on their homework. The program, which began last year, has already made a difference. More students are able to complete their homework and are doing better with their grades as well.

This year we have scheduled class trips to Stop & Shop, and have invited employees to come and read to our students and take part in our Junior Achievement Program. Stop & Shop was kind enough, through a promotion with Poland Spring Water, to donate \$483.50 to South School this year in addition to their annual funding of our Homework Help Program. With the continued help of our School Site Council, we will be looking for ways to bring South and Stop & Shop closer together. We are looking forward to a long and beneficial relationship.

Our PTO Mini Grants Program continues to attract attention. This program seeks to encourage teachers and staff to plan for events and activities that go "above and beyond" the normal school curriculum and school day. This year, we are happy to announce that we will continue to have our Third and Fifth Grade Math Nights that have been so popular. We will also have our Author's Night to focus on student writing in May, and we will be funding an effort by our third and fourth grade teachers to plant flower beds on school grounds in the spring.



Staff continues to seek professional development opportunities in the areas of writing, conflict resolution training, technology, MCAS, Mathematics, and Early Literacy, as part of our district wide initiative. Our district and our staff continue to do pioneering work in the area of phonemic awareness, utilizing the DIBELS assessment in grades K-2. Staff coordinated a number of extra activities throughout the year, such as our Field Day, Read-a-thon, Math-a-thon, and Science Fair.

Our PTO and School Site Council continue to be tremendously positive forces that contribute to the overall climate of South. We continue to offer a full range of school wide activities, such as Holiday Breakfast, Halloween Party, Back-to-School Picnic, and Bingo and Pasta Nights. Our Community Outreach effort expanded this year to include a tremendously successful Thanksgiving food drive and "Giving Tree", which provided local families with toys and clothing for their children. Our PTO consistently provides students with enrichment opportunities through in school visits and performances, as well as educationally sound field trips. The school participated in Fire Prevention Week and the DARE program. The school also continued to offer a full Junior Achievement curriculum, in conjunction with our PTO.

Our Site Council has done a tremendous job in reaching our goals as a school and setting new ones. Our goals for the future are to continue to develop curricula to support our students continued growth in academic and social areas; to continue to monitor school traffic and safety; to develop an effective school website; to continue to train staff and refine our School Crisis Plan; to train our staff in "Sheltered Immersion" techniques for English Language Learners; to continue to enhance our positive school climate and our Student Council initiative; and continue to focus on ways to gain grant funding to alleviate some of our current budget shortfalls.

South School continues in its mission to educate its children in the most complete ways possible. Staff and parents consistently work together to reach our goals. We are fortunate to have so many of these special opportunities to enrich and support the academic and social lives of our children. We will look for ways to continue to do so.

## **STONEHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT 2004**

Stoneham Middle School's Parent-Teacher Organization continues to work with community businesses and organizations to restore extra-curricular programs for students. CPASP (Community Partnership for After School Programs), Ira Nissan, the Community Policing Unit, and KFORCE have all donated funding, furniture and/or office items for the benefit of the Middle School. Students can currently participate in the Math Team, the Web-Site Club, Student Council, Homework Club, and Great Books. Continuing their mission to enrich the curriculum for middle school



students, the PTO (with fundraising efforts) has provided in-school programs that align with classroom lessons, i.e. "Poetry in Motion" with David Zucker, "Pyramids and Pharaohs," "Chariot of the Sun." In addition, the PTO helped to organize and fund the multi-media presentation, "Quest for Respect" which kicked off the school year in September by reinforcing our Middle School Core Values:

- Respect for ourselves, for others, and for our community
- Accept responsibility for our learning and for our behavior
- Be creative problem solvers and competent decision makers

As a school, students, staff and parents take the responsibility of MCAS testing seriously. Students were tested in May of 2004 in Mathematics (Grade 6), English Language Arts (Grade 7) and Mathematics and Science/Technology (Grade 8). The administration works to ensure full compliance with the Massachusetts State Curriculum Frameworks and the creation of lessons that foster critical thinking and that improve a student's ability to express himself/herself in writing.

Stoneham Middle School began the 2004-2005 academic school year with 678 students enrolled (as of October 1, 2004). The numbers in grade six are 220 students, in grade seven, 231, and in grade eight 227. Students are exposed to academic offerings in English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. In addition, students participate in classes of physical education, art, music, world languages, and reading/study skills. Due to budgetary constraints, students are no longer assigned to academic teams aligned with a Middle School philosophy (i.e. a school within a school). Furthermore, specialty programs including family and consumer sciences, health, technology education, and keyboarding/computer applications are no longer offered to middle school students. The teaching of study skills, organizational techniques, and the ability to integrate concepts across the curricula are a primary focus of the middle school experience. Each individual student has the opportunity to develop intellectual, social and physical potentials to their fullest by taking maximum advantage of the total educational program.

Lastly, the Middle School community reaches out to people in need, whether it be the victims and families of the Central School tragedy or those who are struggling financially during the holiday season--the Middle School parents, kids and faculty respond!

# **HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT – 2004**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Stoneham High School's October 1, 2004 enrollment was 887 in grades 9-12. This is a student increase of 6 over 2003. For the 2004 - 2005 school year, Stoneham High School welcomed Kate Freitas, Erin Higgins, and Simon McCaffery to the Guidance Department and Sharon Nielsen to the Special Education Department. Due to budget constraints, Stoneham High School lost the equivalent of five teaching positions for the 2004 – 2005 school year and the result was an increase in class size. For this school year, there are more than 30 individual classes with an enrollment of 30+ students. In addition, the activity fee for athletics was increased to \$200 per student per sport.

100% of the Class of 2004 completed the MCAS requirement for graduation and attended graduation on June 3, 2004. The Class of 2005 has maintained this high record of achievement and a 100% benchmark is also within sight for them.

Specific departmental reports outline other projects and achievements at Stoneham High School during 2004.

## **BUSINESS/TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION, FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES DEPARTMENT**

- Brenda Tutko, Business Education Teacher, worked with the Chamber of Commerce and Sharon Iovanni running the Job Fair, held here at the High School.
- Marianne Perkins and Jane Gagnon have taken over fulltime duties in the Business Education and Family & Consumer Sciences Department, respectively, due to the elimination of programs at the Middle School.
- The Chewy Goopy Cookie Company, a Junior Achievement class raised over \$1000 to purchase gifts for less fortunate children and families during the holiday season.
- Twelve students, from Deborah Deacon's Marketing classes, qualified and competed in the local and statewide DECA competition held last March. All received competency and one team event placed in the top ten in the state in their category.

- Curriculum changes are being implemented in all areas of Business Education, Technology and Family & Consumer Sciences in conjunction with the Frameworks.
- “Culinary Café at 149 Franklin Street”, our culinary arts restaurant, is now in its second year of operation under Susan Lacy.

## **ENGLISH**

- Ninety-eight percent of the students passed the 10<sup>th</sup> grade English MCAS. Eighty percent performed at an advanced or proficient level. The State rated Stoneham’s performance in Language Arts as High with our improvement rating Above Target.
- Ten students took the Advanced Placement test in English and all passed. Five received the highest two scores of 4-Well Qualified or 5- Extremely Well Qualified.
- Professional development experiences for secondary teachers included training sessions in the use of the Prentice Hall Literature series, Advanced Placement Teaching Institutes, What’s New in Young Adult Literature, and Co-teaching seminars through the Merrimack Education Center. Four staff members are involved in graduate programs for Masters in Education degrees. Their studies include exploration of multi-ethnic literature, and teaching strategies for the English Language Learner.

## **MATHEMATICS**

- Ninety-nine percent of the students passed the 2004 MCAS math test for grade 10 and the average scaled score was 251.
- Nine students took the Calculus AB Advanced Placement test. Four students scored passing marks and one scored 5 the highest possible score.
- Chung Lee was the top scorer at Stoneham High School on the American High School Math Competition.
- The members of the mathematics department are directing professional development towards the state frameworks in Mathematics, improving MCAS test scores and using technology in the classroom.



## SCIENCE

- New textbooks were purchased for Physics this year. The five computers in the Physics lab were upgraded and one new computer was purchased along with a Physic Bundle from Pasco.
- Two microscopes were donated to the Science Department from Winchester Hospital.
- Class size remains a concern at the middle school due to the loss of a middle school science teacher.
- Meg Tabasco from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority again presented several days of classroom programs in our Biology. These programs look at how sewage treatment occurs in the MWRA system. The unit culminated with a trip to Deer Island.
- The science staff has participated in several workshops and courses. Three of our staff are involved in an administrative degree program. Four staff have attended workshops on Vernal Pools, Teaching Science, Digital Microscopy and STEM(science, technology, engineering and mathematics).
- The middle school science staff continues to review MCAS questions and revise curriculum to prepare our student for the MCAS exam. An area of concern has arisen with the loss of the technology program at the middle school which may impact future Science & Technology MCAS scores.
- Science staff at the high school are in the process of preparing reports for the NEASC accreditation visit in 2006.

## SOCIAL STUDIES

During the past year, teachers in grades six through eleven continued work integrating and realigning the Social Studies Curriculum with the Massachusetts History and Social Science Framework document.

- In order to facilitate curriculum changes, High School teachers piloted new United States History textbooks, ultimately adopting Prentice Hall's America: Pathways to the Present for use in grades ten and eleven.
- Professional Development experiences for secondary social studies teachers included coursework through: Research for Better Teaching, The Massachusetts Economic Council, The Primary Source and the Massachusetts Historical Society, Facing History and Ourselves and many local state and private colleges.

- Richard Harty was awarded a prestigious summer fellowship through the Massachusetts Historical Society where he was able to study the Massachusetts abolitionist movement using the Society's library of primary source documents.
- Twenty five students took the United States History AP exam and ten earned a score of 3 or better.

## HIGH SCHOOL WORLD LANGUAGE ANNUAL REPORT

- Eleven students took the Advanced Placement test in Spanish and ten received a 3 or better. Four received a 4, and six received a 3.
- Eight students took the French AP exam and one student received a 5 and the other student received a 3.
- Seventy-one students took the National Latin Exam and fifty-three received awards:

	Latin 1	Latin 2	Prose
Gold	2	2	
Silver	13	3	
Magna cum laude	17	3	1
Cum laude	11	1	

- The Middle School staff continued to pursue their professional development in a variety of ways including, but not limited to the following:
- Pursuing Masters degrees in language & education
- Completing a Master's degree in Italian through Middlebury College while studying abroad in Italy
- Taking graduate level courses to learn new languages and to deepen their content knowledge and fluency in those being taught
- Using distance learning to participate in a Gallaudet College course called Deaf Characters in Literature
- Deb Cronin took 8 students to Costa Rica during the February vacation. She also became a reader of the AP Exam and went to Trinity College in Texas to grade the oral part of the exam. She attended a BERG conference for active learning strategies, an AP Coordinator's conference, and an AP Experienced teacher's conference through the College Board.

**GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT**

The goal of the Guidance Department is to assist each student in developing the academic, civic and social skills necessary to be healthy, responsible contributors to society. The major functions of the guidance department are educational, personal, college and career counseling, and group testing. Special programs are peer mediation and peer tutoring.

Students in grade two were administered the Iowa Reading Test. Students in grade five were administered the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. Eleventh graders were offered career interest inventories through the Bridges/Choices program in the spring. All 11<sup>th</sup> graders planning to attend college were encouraged to take the PSAT test in October. The College Entrance Examination Board Test is given to interested high school students at Stoneham High four times each year.

The Massachusetts Board of Education mandated state tests (MCAS) were administered to students in grades 3 through 10.

**IOWA TEST OF BASIC SKILLS  
2004 RESULTS**

Grade 2	Vocab.	Comp.	Word Analysis	Listening	Spelling
Test Date/Grade Level	2.9*	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Actual G.E.	3.9	3.8	4.2	3.5	3.3
Difference	+1.0**	0.9	+1.3	+0.6	+0.4

The Grade 2 students took the Iowa Reading test. They scored above grade level in all areas.

Grade 5	Read.	Lang.								
Skills	Math									
Skills	Core	Soc.								
Stu.	Sci.	Maps/								
Diag.	Ref.									
Mat.	Source									
of Info		Comp								
Test Date/Grade Level	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7
Actual G.E.	7.1	7.6	7.3	7.3	7.0	7.5	7.7	6.9	7.3	7.3
Difference	1.4	1.9	1.6	1.6	1.3	1.8	2.0	1.2	1.6	1.6

The Grade 5 students took the full Iowa Test Battery. They scored at least one full year above grade level in all areas tested.



Students in grades 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 10 took the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System tests (MCAS) in Spring 2004. Grade 3 took a reading test. The results\* were as follows:

	English		Math		Science & Tech			
	Stoneham	State	Stoneham	State	Stoneham	State	Stoneham	State
	<b>Grade 4</b>				<b>Grade 5</b>			
Advanced	14%	11%	18%	14%	24%	20%		
Proficient	51%	45%	34%	28%	43%	35%		
Needs Imp.	32%	35%	40%	44%	29%	33%		
Warning	3%	10%	8%	14%	5%	13%		
	<b>Grade 7</b>			<b>Grade 6</b>				
Advanced	10%	9%	14%	17%				
Proficient	71%	59%	30%	26%				
Needs Imp.	16%	25%	35%	32%				
Warning	4%	7%	21%	25%				
				<b>Grade 8</b>				
Advanced			12%	13%	6%	5%		
Proficient			33%	26%	39%	28%		
Needs Imp.			40%	32%	39%	35%		
Warning			14%	29%	16%	31%		
	<b>Grade 10</b>							
Advanced	32%	19%	36%	29%				
Proficient	49%	43%	37%	28%				
Needs Imp.	15%	27%	23%	28%				
Failing	4%	11%	4%	15%				

\*Percentages may not total 100% due to rounding

	Reading	
	Stoneham	State
	<b>Grade 3</b>	
Proficient	61%	63%
Needs Imp.	37%	30%
Failing	2%	7%

The results o the Scholastic Aptitude Tests of the College Entrance Examination Board taken by 86% of Stoneham High School students in the class of 2004 were:

Range	Verbal	Mathematic
700 and above	2%	3%
600 – 699	16%	17%
500 – 599	40%	35%
400 – 499	30%	31%
300 – 399	10%	14%
200 – 299	1%	1%

SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST SCORES – CLASS OF 2004

	Stoneham National Massachusetts
Verbal	508 508 518
Mathematics	506 518 523

The guidance staff, teachers and administrators function as an effective team in placement of graduates. The follow-up of the members of the Class of 2004 indicated:

Four-Year Colleges.....	76.0%
Two-Year Regionally Accredited Colleges.....	11.0%
Other Schools.....	3.0%
Service .....	2.0%
Employed .....	5.0%
Other Plans .....	3.0%
TOTAL	100.0%

## **FINE ARTS**

### **ELEMENTARY FINE ARTS**

Sarka Plihalova teaches Art at the elementary level. Joan DiCologero teaches the Music classes.

#### **ART**

- The creative talents of students at all elementary schools in Stoneham continue to be displayed somewhat sparingly because of the new regulations limiting paper work in hallways.
- Art students at all schools exhibited at the Stoneham Public Library in March.

#### **MUSIC**

- The Music staff attended the MMEA All-State Conference in Danvers, MA.
- The new Wenger Catalogue features pictures of Joan DiCologero's Music classes. A donation of equipment was made to South School.
- The All-Town Elementary Band Concert in May featured over 80 students. This was the last concert at the elementary level because of budget reductions.
- Each year, the elementary students are entertained at a holiday assembly put on by the SHS Spartan Chorale.
- Central School Chorus and Colonial Park Chorus performed at a Memorial Day program, a Veterans Day program, and a Holiday program.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL FINE ARTS**

Carol Miller and Nancy Dapkiewicz are the Art Staff at the Middle School. Lisa Cline, and Edmund Grammer are the music staff at the Middle School. The Massachusetts Arts Curriculum Framework continues to be used by teachers in planning their classes.

#### **ART**

- Art students continue to exhibit student works in the hallways of the Middle School, although exhibit space has been very limited. Art is created in a variety of media, including drawing, painting, printmaking, paper-mache, and ceramics.



- Middle School students participated in the Art in Our Schools Month Exhibit at the Stoneham Library.
- Ms. Carol Miller received her Masters in Art Education from Lesley College.

## **MUSIC**

- The Music Staff is making an attempt to begin an instrumental program after school because of the loss due to the override.
- This was the sixth year for the Middle School Jazz Ensemble. Jazz pianist and parent, Mark Kross, volunteers his services in helping Mr. Grammer.

## **HIGH SCHOOL FINE ARTS**

The Fine Arts Department has offered a wide variety of activities for students in Art, Drama, and Music. Fine Arts educators have been involved in workshops, exhibits, conferences and courses throughout the year.

Diane Pierce, Danielle Catalano and Jessica Swegel are full time Art teachers at Stoneham High. Edmund Grammer directs the Band and Jazz Ensemble and Robert Lague directs the Chorale and Chamber Chorus. Mr. Lague also teaches Drama/Theatre classes

Danielle Catalano is in charge of student productions. There is now a user fee for Drama Club students involved in the school's three productions. The Drama Club prepares three productions a year.

The Music Parents Organization continues to help the Stoneham Music Performing Groups to operate. The Co-Presidents are Ms. Lauren Murphy and Ms. Laura Myers.

## **MUSIC**

- The Spartan Band performed at football games, winter and spring concerts, and Carnival Ball.
- The Spartan Chorale performed winter and spring concerts and holiday assemblies at the elementary schools and Carnival Ball.
- The Spartan Band and Spartan Chorale will perform at Epcot Center on a Disney Concert Tour in Orlando this April. Last year they went on a tour of Broadway.

- Mr. Lague is the "Official Organist" for the National Education Association Representative Assembly (Washington, D.C.), and the Massachusetts Teachers Association Convention (Boston). Mr. Lague was also the accompanist for the 2004 MMEA All-State Chorus.
- SHS continues membership in the Tri-M National Music Honor Society. The inductees this past year were Kayla Catalano, Emily DiPietro, Jessica Jackson, Joelle Kross, Kelly Landers, Lauren Murphy, Alycia Sacco, Matt Reopell, and Rebecca Warren.

## **DRAMA**

- The Spring musical was Annie, presented by the High School Drama Club under the direction of Ms. Danielle Catalano.
- The Fall Play, also directed by Ms. Catalano was Alice in Wonderland
- The Globe Drama Competition play from Stoneham was Comedy of Errors. Stoneham won a variety of All-Star awards.

## **ART**

- Seniors Christopher Hertzog and Daniel Pecci both received National Silver Awards from the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. They were among 156 students representing Massachusetts who were invited to participate in the awards ceremony held in New York City.
- Dallim Cha won an Honorable Mention Award from the Boston Globe Scholastic Art Competition.
- Megan Sutherland, a junior, was selected to participate in the Art All-State at the Worcester Art Museum.
- Students in the Studio Art Class visited the Addison Gallery at Philips Academy in Andover. They also spent two days in New York City visiting numerous museums and art galleries.
- The students in the Art Club made bowls for the "Soup for Hunger" project. They collaborated with the Community Service Class and raised \$200.00. The money was used to purchase hats and mittens for Stoneham families.
- Ms. Pierce was nominated by a former student to be in Who's Who In American Teaching 2004.

- Ms. Pierce took graduate courses at Salem State, Fitchburg State, and Worcester State College.

## Special Education

The Special Education Department is charged with (1) evaluating and assessing referred children to determine if they meet the criteria for special education services, (2) providing special education services, (3) developing educational plans to meet students' needs and (4) re-evaluation and review of student progress. Special Education includes students who are hearing impaired, visually handicapped, physically handicapped, learning disabled, multi-handicapped, emotionally disturbed, and/or intellectually handicapped.

The Special Education Department adheres to the rules and policies set forth by state (Chapter 766) and federal (IDEA) laws governing the education of students with special education needs. Under these laws, schools are mandated to deliver services required to assist children in receiving a free, appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment. Under these regulations, all students between the ages of three and twenty-two are eligible for services. The State Department of Education has encouraged outreach to preschool children through early screening, beginning at age two and one-half.

The Special Education Department continues to support pre-referral measures through building-based Child Study or Teacher Assistance Teams that allow for modifications and accommodations of students' educational programs without the need for referral to special education. This is accomplished in conjunction with a variety of interdisciplinary and consultation models provided to classroom teachers by specialists. Special educators provide services within the classroom, thus reducing the need for labeling children, often eliminating the need to use a "pull-out" model, and moderating the number of referrals to special education.

Another model of service is provided through inclusion classrooms, where a regular and special education teacher co-teach. This allows children who might otherwise be placed in a more restrictive setting an opportunity to be with age-level peers. Our experience with this model demonstrates all (regular and special education) students benefit from the support provided by two skilled teachers as well as the diversity of the classroom. Special education students, in particular, learn more age-appropriate social and academic behaviors and exhibit an increased level of self-esteem. Teachers continually enhance each other's teaching style through a daily exchange of skills and knowledge. The provision of special services within the regular classroom setting also demonstrates the Special Education Department's commitment to the integration of all services to children through an interdisciplinary model. Such a model allows for specialists of speech and language, hearing, vision, physical and occupational therapies to work with classroom teachers and invest the



classroom curriculum with services relevant to the child's specific needs within the academic context of the classroom throughout the entire school day. Consultation between specialists and classroom teachers allows special education goals and objectives to be integrated in a relevant, clear and consistent manner.

The array of service provision models within the Special Education Department continues to help reduce the number of children referred for special education. The Special Education Department is committed to reducing the numbers of children identified as having special education needs and increasing children's ability to learn and develop. There continues to be an increase in the cost for students placed in out-of-district placements despite the decrease in the number of students placed. Transportation costs also continue to rise rather relentlessly.

In an attempt to contain costs, Special Education continues its membership within the SEEM and Merrimack Education Collaboratives. This provides the district the ability to share, in a more cost effective manner, programs and services to children who may otherwise be placed in more expensive and restrictive outside placements to meet their special education needs. The Stoneham Schools' participation in these Collaboratives allows the Special Education Department to take a proactive role on behalf of our special education students.

The Special Education Department continually evaluates the needs of its special education students and uses this information to plan and implement programs that best meet the needs of all special education students.

Our October 1<sup>st</sup> count had 495 students receiving special education services. Of these, 22 were in collaborative programs, and 14 were in day or residential schools outside of Stoneham. It should be noted that the District has had significant increases in the number of preschoolers (3 and 4 year olds) referred for Special Education over the last few years. The increases we have seen are reflected in the October 1 count.

### **Physical Education and Athletics - 2004**

The Physical Education and Athletic Department conducts a variety of programs including, but not limited to, required Physical Education, Adaptive Physical Education and Interscholastic Athletic program. These programs were planned and implemented to facilitate equal access to program offerings and facilities.

The Physical Education Department presently employs a total of 7.2 physical education teachers:

- 2.2 for the high school - 2 full-time
- 3.0 for the middle school - 2 full-time and 2 part-time .8 and .2
- 2.0 for the elementary schools - 2 full-time

Our physical education teachers and one adaptive physical education teacher, grades K-12, follow the physical education curriculum and present the proper physical conditioning for appropriate activities and teach skills in a safe and sequential manner.

Postural screenings for students in grades 5 through 9 and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) classes for all grade 9 students were effectively conducted. Also, an adaptive physical education program that serviced the special physical needs of some students continued with measurable success.

Our athletic program is made up of 22 varsity interscholastic sports, 12 sports for the girls program and 10 sports for the boys program. In addition, there are fall and winter cheerleading squads. In total there are 41 High School squads including Freshmen, Junior Varsity and Varsity. In the winter of 2004, girls hockey team was started as a varsity sport. The overall goal of the athletic program at Stoneham High School is to provide equal opportunity for all student-athletes to reach their full potential as members of competitive teams. Each sport and each level of participation has specific goals and objectives, which fit into the framework of the athletic program.

During the past 2003-2004 school year, 812 slots were filled by participants in our sports program (fall - winter - spring). In our senior class of 181 students, 156 students played at least one sport in their careers at Stoneham High School, an impressive 86%.

### **2003 - 2004 MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country, Boys Soccer and Girls Soccer qualified for the state tournament.
- Boys Soccer won the Middlesex League, Division III North and Eastern Massachusetts Championships and returned to the State Championship game for the second year in a row
- In the winter, Boys and Girls Track and Girls Basketball qualified for the state tournament
- In the spring, Baseball, Softball, Boys and Girls Outdoor Track qualified for the state tournament.

## **2004 FALL ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Boys Cross Country, Girls Cross Country and Boys Soccer qualified for the state tournament.
- Boys Soccer won the Middlesex League, Division 3 North, Eastern Massachusetts and were crowned Division 3 State Champions
- 17 Student-athletes were selected to Middlesex League All-League teams for the fall season.
- Michael DeSantis was named the Boston Globe Division 3 Player of the Year in Boys Soccer and his brother Mark was named a Boston Globe All-Scholastic in soccer as well.
- Jeff Corbett was a state finalist in golf and was named a Boston Herald All- Scholastic

## **SAFETY – ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

- Safety is an important part of our athletic program. The major items listed below are some of the highlights insuring the health and welfare of our student-athletes:
- students were equipped well for personal safety
- our equipment received proper maintenance
- our trainers from Advantage provided excellent medical support to our students
- our school physician, Dr. Pifko, and the school nurses screened and cared for the physical health of our athletes
- school maintenance workers gave careful attention to the condition of our fields for practices and games
- a cell phone and walkie-talkie communication system are part of our emergency plan system to respond to athletic injuries and emergencies and facilitate appropriate care

## **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT – ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

- The Stoneham Booster Club supported the Athletic Program through funding of awards and three banquets (fall, winter, spring)
- A major fundraiser was run again by the Booster Club to support the athletic program at Stoneham High School



- Student-athletes and parents fundraised over \$60,000 to bring back athletic teams and programs that were cut out of the FY2005 budget
- The first Stoneham High School Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet was held to honor past athletes, coaches and the 1969-1970 Boys Ice Hockey Team

## ATHLETIC SUMMARY 2004

Sport	Year	Athlete	Won	Lost	Tied	Coach	Season
Cheerleading-Fall	03-04	17				Eileen DiLisio	Fall
Cross Country (B)	03-04	20	5	4		Phil Riley	Fall
Cross Country (G)	03-04	12	5	4		Kevin Norton	Fall
Field Hockey (V/JV/F)	03-04	30	2	10	6	Katie Hart	Fall
Football (V/JV/F)	03-04	72	2	7		Bob Powers	Fall
Golf	03-04	12	1	8		Bill Seabury	Fall
Soccer (B) (V/JV/F)	03-04	50	16	1	1	Jim Carino	Fall
Soccer (G) (V/JV/F)	03-04	61	7	7	4	Sharon Chapman	Fall
Swimming	03-04	30	1	7		Rourke/Yeager	Fall
Volleyball (V/JV)	03-04	27	1	7		Paul Hardy	Fall
Basketball (B) (V/JV/F)	03-04	34	4	14		Bill Killilea	Winter
Basketball (G) (V/JV/F)	03-04	34	8	10		Kevin Phelan	Winter
Cheerleading - Winter	03-04	17				Lisa Walsh	Winter
Gymnastics	03-04	13	3	3		Danielle Boyd	Winter
Ice Hockey (V/JV)	03-04	37	7	7	4	Bill Seabury	Winter
Track - Winter (B)	03-04	60	6	3		Bob Powers	Winter
Track - Winter (G)	03-04	30	2	7		Kevin Norton	Winter
Baseball (V/JV/F)	03-04	42	12	6		Bill Seabury	Spring
Softball (V/JV)	03-04	22	9	9		Tom Johnson	Spring
Tennis (B)	03-04	12	5	13		Paul Atkinson	Spring
Tennis (G)	03-04	20	3	15		Jen Farabaugh	Spring
Track - Spring (B)	03-04	80	8	1		Bob Powers	Spring
Track - Spring (G)	03-04	80	5	4		Jerry Bailey	Spring
Total Participation		812					

Sport	Year	Athlete	Won	Lost	Tied	Coach	Season
Cheerleading-Fall	04-05	17				Eileen DiLisio	Fall
Cross Country (B)	04-05	20	5	4		Phil Riley	Fall
Cross Country (G)	04-05	12	5	4		Kevin Norton	Fall
Field Hockey (V/JV/F)	04-05	30	2	10	6	Katie Peron	Fall
Football (V/JV/F)	04-05	72	2	7		Bob Powers	Fall
Golf	04-05	12	1	8		Bill Seabury	Fall
Soccer (B) (V/JV/F)	04-05	50	16	1	1	Jim Carino	Fall
Soccer (G) (V/JV/F)	04-05	61	7	7	4	Sharon Chapman	Fall
Swimming	04-05	30	1	7		Rourke/Yeager	Fall
Volleyball (V/JV)	04-05	27	1	7		Paul Hardy	Fall

## MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The opening of two new elementary schools kept us busy in 2004. Keeping existing technology running, adding another two hundred and forty computers to our two new elementary schools, training staff, redesigning and setting up new networks has kept our system-wide staff of three full-time people very busy. Our four part-time elementary technical assistants do a wonderful job with students in each of the elementary school computer labs. Part-time tech assistants assist classes of students in the computer lab and provide much needed daily support to teachers with classroom computer tasks.

Last year, we redesigned new local area networks in each elementary school during school vacation weeks in order to prepare ourselves for a new fiber optic wide area network connecting all schools. Funds for a new fiber optic network were negotiated from RCN Cable Company. Additional funding from Comcast Cable Company was obtained to allow us to rebuild the school cable television studio, which was built over the summer in part of the existing technology office located at the high school. Teachers are being trained to produce instructional video lesson plans using laptop computers. The end product will become a video-on-demand lesson server for students to view videos in classrooms and on home computers over the internet. Video is also being produced for viewing on both school cable channels • Comcast channel 10 and RCN channel 13.

During the winter and spring of 2004, the technology staff introduced a new email portal to all staff and offered email training in all buildings. We also provided technology training in the two new elementary schools on proper operation and use of the new computers.

As a new year begins, we are now focusing on connecting all schools using fiber optic wires which have been installed by RCN. These connections will improve the way Stoneham Public Schools communicates and does daily business using technology. Once these connections are working, the task of reconfiguring computers and training staff will begin.

Our new secretary, Patrice Fitzpartick, has done a wonderful job of learning and organizing technology tasks for the school system and in helping staff. Technician, Joe DiMarco, continues to run between school buildings keeping networks and computers operational and assisting staff with everyday computer issues.

Technology is a tool for education that goes beyond the use of books, pen, and paper. Technology enables every student to learn globally. Proper working technology enhances learning and is embraced by teachers and students. Improper working technology can easily make a person not want to use it. It is important that Stoneham Public Schools continues to plan for future growth and that it also keeps existing investments in technology running through careful budget planning.

In a time when budget cutbacks strain all school operations, I am proud to work with a small staff of extremely dedicated individuals who work hard and help staff and students daily with technology issues. I dream of a day when we could provide our students and staff with full-time technical help in each building and enough training and support for all.





# Stoneham High School Graduation of 2004

June  
4<sup>th</sup>  
at  
6:30



## PROGRAM

<b>PRELUDE</b>	Bunker Hill .....	K.L. King
	And the Fire Raged .....	Ricketts
	A Russian Festival .....	Dawson
	America the Beautiful .....	Steffe/Grammer

### THE CONCERT BAND

Edmund Grammer, Conductor

Pomp and Circumstance .....	Sir Edward Elgar
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### THE CONCERT BAND

(The audience is asked to remain seated as the graduates enter the field.)

### CLASS MARSHALS

Jenna Gondelman, Class of 2005

Christopher Sacco, Class of 2005

National Anthem .....	arr. John Higgins
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### THE SPARTAN CHORALE

Robert Lague, Conductor

### SPEECH OF WELCOME

Jason Feldman, President

Graduation Day .....	arr. Ed Lojeski
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### THE SPARTAN CHORALE

May It Be .....	Eithne Bhraonin
Lauren Murphy	

### HONORS ADDRESS

Daniel Pecci

### PRESENTATION OF MacDONALD MEDALS

to

Scott DeAmicis, Marissa Forman and Caitlin Sullivan

by

Michael Kennedy, Paula Sampson and Michael Schiazza

You Raise Me Up .....	Lovland/Graham
Matthew Reopell	



## **PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

Joseph J. Connelly, Superintendent  
Joseph Casey, Assistant Superintendent

## **PRESENTATION OF CLASS GIFT**

to  
Cheryl Walsh  
Chairperson, School Committee  
by  
Kevin Quigley  
Vice President, Class of 2004

## **PRESENTATION OF WILLIAM M. NADEAU AND WENDELL W. HORTON MEMORIAL AWARDS**

Thomas F. Ryan, Jr., Principal

## **AWARD OF DIPLOMAS**

Marc Grimaldi, School Committee

### **Graduates...Class of 2004**

- |                            |                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| •* Kerri Lynn Agahigian    | Megan Clifford                   |
| Matthew W. Angelosanto     | •* Christopher Anthony Coccoluto |
| Rafael M. Barbieri         | •* Marci Lyn Cohen               |
| Jennifer Victoria Bardah   | Blake Tyler Coleman              |
| Michael Ian Berman         | James Coleman                    |
| Daniel Alexander Blyde     | Stephanie Marie Colliton         |
| •* Farrell Marie Boghos    | Amanda K. Comita                 |
| Christopher Botelho        | Joseph W. Conary                 |
| Lauren Lee Bova            | •* Clare Bridget Connolly        |
| * Kristina Marie Bramante  | Courtney Maris Costin            |
| Mary Katherine Bridges     | Erin S. Cotter                   |
| •* Meaghan Elizabeth Bryan | Michael P. Court                 |
| Casey James Burke          | Molly Jean Crowell               |
| Amy Lynn Burnett           | Tilla T. Cunha                   |
| Rebecca Lynn Buttiglieri   | Jill Abigail Cunningham          |
| •* Jared T. Byrne          | John R. Davison                  |
| •* Daniela Marie Cannella  | •* Scott Perry DeAmicis          |
| Cody Carpenito             | •* Nicole C. DeCampo             |
| Alexander F. Carta         | •* Kara L. DeJesus               |
| Christina M. Cavuoto       | Amanda Ann DeLuca                |
| Jessica A. Chianchio       | Alexander James Devlin           |
| Michael Chiuev             | Amanda L. DiRe                   |
| Domenic Ciampi             | Jenna Lynn Doherty               |
| James D. Ciampi            | Laura Elizabeth Doyle            |

- \* Jill Janine Duchene
- Robert William Duffy
- Catherine Mary Dunham
- \* Nicole Frances Falzone
- \* Anne Catherine Fardy
- Jarrad Joseph Farrington
- \* Jason Steven Feldman
- Erik J. Ferrante
- Teresa Marie Ferrante
- \* Erika L. Fields
- \* Colleen Elizabeth Finn
- \* Marissa R. Forman
- Christine T. Frykberg
- Kevin M. Galarza
- William C. Gardner
- Mark James Grassia
- John Jay Griffin
- Elizabeth A. Grossheim
- Paul Matthew Gualtieri
- Stephanie Harvey
- Dawnika Lawree Hayes
- Courtney Anne Herlihy
- Jonathan Ross Herook
- Christopher John Hertzog
- Karyn Marie Hickey
- \* Morrisa B. Higer
- Anthony Larry Hubbard
- Steven Andrew Hurley
- Kristen Marie Jordan
- \* Aidan Myers Kelley
- Tara Emily Kelly
- \* Jon James Kerrigan
- Lilia Kezim
- \* William D. King
- \* Kelly Danielle Konevich
- Jennifer Ann Kozlowski
- Christopher J. Kravitz
- Andrew C. LeBrun
- Carl L. Loconte, III
- \* Paula Beth Lopes
- Jessica Lynn Maganzini
- Kevin Robert Mahoney
- Gina Marie Maisano
- \* Colette J. Maksou
- Daniel Frederick Malgieri
- \* Matthew S. Manganiello
- \* Jessica T. Marek
- Phillip A. Marlow
- \* Shiva Alim Marvasti
- \* Elizabeth S. Mata
- Joshua R. Mattie
- \* Erin Marie McCarran
- \* Michelle M. McCarthy
- Evan J. McCullough
- \* Amanda J. McDonald
- Brian J. McGondel
- Catherine W. McQuade
- \* Julia Dwyer McQuade
- Beth A. Messina
- Brian T. Molloy
- Michael P. Mondello
- \* Kristin Marie Moore
- Christopher J. Moran
- Bryan David Muise
- \* Jill M. Mullen
- Christopher James Murphy
- Lauren C. Murphy
- Ryan D. Murray
- Saad A. Mushtaq
- \* Erik M. Nardone
- Ian M. Nicholas
- Brandon David Noke
- \* Jaquilyn Norton
- Johnnyson N. Nup
- Brian James O Donnell
- Michael F. O Hare
- Nicole E. Oliva
- \* Colleen Marie O Neil
- Richard E. Pacini
- Cristina L. Palladino
- \* Daniel Robert Pecci
- Nicole Marie Pisani
- Joshua M. Portman
- Daniel William Powers
- Amanda Kristen Prior
- Alyssa K. Purington
- \* Kevin Ryan Quigley
- Krystal Amanda Radka

Matthew George Reopell  
 Melissa Victoria Reynolds  
 Jonathan Richards  
 •\* Andrew David Richer  
 Leo Rogers  
 Stephen C. Rosenthal  
 Jaclyn M. Rotondi  
 Ricardo Dario Rubio  
 •\* Chelsea A. Rudomen  
 Justin Benjamin Sakovitz  
 Steven R. Salerno  
 Paul C. Salvo  
 •\* Christina Anne Santoro  
 \* Sean Sarkar  
 •\* Lara Marie Sarmanian  
 Cheryl Scarpone  
 Alberto Sciola, Jr.  
 Rebecca Ann Scott  
 \* Jennifer B. Serrano  
 Aditi Sinha  
 Jill M. Stanieich  
 Rhys H. Stanton  
 •\* Caitlin Bresnahan Sullivan  
 James R. Tamburrini, Jr.  
 Alaina M. Tansino  
 •\* Lauren A. Teich  
 Valerie Isabelle Turcotte  
 •\* Warren Stephen Turino, Jr.  
 Kathleen Bridget Tuscano  
 Stephanie Nicole Vasilchuk  
 Deanna Lori Ventresca  
 •\* Jaclyn Natalie Vigorito  
 Jenna Marie Vozzella  
 Eric Scott Wall  
 Jarryd Wark  
 Coleen Mae White  
 Timothy J. White  
 Alison Wilson-Pierce  
 Douglas C. Whitney  
 Mark Christopher Winsor  
 Matthew Joseph Woods  
 \* Addison D. Wooles  
 Kiat W. Yii  
 Allison I. Zaya

Charley H. Weinhardt

- National Honor Society
- \* Honors Group



## **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

Joseph J. Connelly

## **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT**

Joseph F. Casey

## **PRINCIPAL**

Thomas F. Ryan, Jr.

## **VICE-PRINCIPAL**

Donna M. Cargill

## **VICE-PRINCIPAL**

Edward J. Russo

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Cheryl Walsh, Chairperson

Marie Christi  
Kristin Russo

Marc Grimaldi  
David Sheils

## **CLASS ADVISOR**

James Carino

## **CLASS OFFICERS**

President, Jason Feldman

Vice-President, Kevin Quigley

Secretary, Marissa Forman

Treasurer, Matthew Reopell

Social Chairpersons, Kara DeJesus and Alaina Tansino

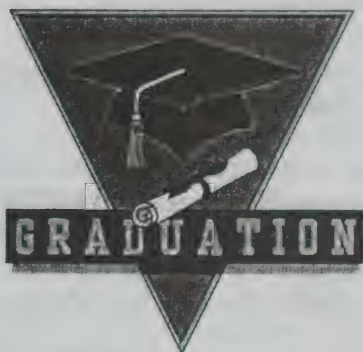
## **CLASS OF 2005 USHERS**

Janelle Bradley  
Amanda Buckley  
Jill Canavan  
Christina Cerrato  
Julia Chen  
Jennifer Clinton  
Kelly Conlon  
Shannon Conroy  
Jeffrey Corbedtt  
Alison D Orsi  
Amanda Danilchuk  
Jason De Filippo  
Michael DeSantis  
Brian De Virgilio  
Jamie Doherty  
Glenn Erickson  
Matt Fitzpatrick  
Randy Fixman  
Susan Gagnon

Jenna Gondelman  
Sabrina Greco  
Luke Hickey  
Jessica Jackson  
Laura Kelly  
Amanda Kent  
Joelle Kross  
Allison Landers  
Chung Lee  
Steven Mahoney  
Joseph Maksou  
Kim Malgieri  
Kevin McCarthy  
Megan McCarthy  
Kayla McKinnon  
Kevin McMillan  
Robyn Migliorini  
Joseph Murphy  
Nicole Needham

Rachel Pacini  
Jonathan Palazzolo  
Lindsay Peters  
Domenic Previte  
Mary Jane Reagan  
Lindsay Ring  
Amanda Rourke  
Christopher Sacco  
Alicia Sciola  
Christina Spinelli  
Lauren Stamatis  
Ashley Sullivan  
Michelle Tammaro  
Mark Trant  
Nicholas Vasques  
Jacey Vaughan  
Hanna Wark  
Rebecca Warren  
Charles Webber  
Cathy Wong

**Stoneham High School  
Class of 2004**



**Graduation Committee**

Farrell Boghos  
Christopher Botelho  
Meaghan Bryan  
Daniela Cannella  
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Scott DeAmicis  
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Daniel Pecci  
Kevin Quigley  
Matthew Reopell  
Caitlin Sullivan  
Alaina Tansino  
Lauren Teich

# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

To the Residents of the Town of Stoneham:

As stated in the past, the three words that effectively describe the Town Clerk's Office are still; Productive, Busy and "Team Work".

My staff is comprised of, Barbara Pollack, Maria Sagarino, Carol Callan and Mary Guarneri. Their work ethic is always at the forefront, as we work together as a "Team", while always maintaining the integrity of the Office, and acting in the best interest of the Town.

Over the counter cash transactions numbered 6415; of that number, my staff processed 937 new passports applications, which translates into \$28,110.00 that flows into the general fund of the town revenues. The Stoneham Town Clerk's Office was designated a Passport Agent in the year 2000. Since that time, revenues collected for this service is \$74,930.00. The United States State Department has predicted another 11% increase in passport applications for the calendar year 2005. As you can see, this service speaks for itself and benefits the Town greatly.

The 2004 Annual Town Census generated close to two thousand updates to our records. The census is one of the many important functions that is performed in the office. This enables us to maintain the most feasible way to collect data and to record residents that are new to the town, as well as, those who have moved or passed on. This data is requested by many town departments for their analysis, i.e., school census, this enables the school department to analyze the number of children that will be entering first grade each year.

2004 was an extremely busy year as far as elections were concerned, there were five elections, Presidential Primary in March; 2329 Democrats and 244 Republicans voted, The Annual Town Election in April had 2808 voters, Special Town Election in June had 7249 voters participate. In September, the State Primary had 992 Democrats and 228 Republicans, 2 Libertarians and no Green Rainbow Party vote. The State Election (Presidential) had a whopping 11,837 voters who turned out.

There were three Town Meetings, the Annual Town Meeting in May, a Special Town Meeting in August and the October Town Meeting.

I would like to thank the election workers and town meeting workers for all of their hard work. Because of their dedication, this process progresses in an efficient and timely manner.



I would also like to thank, Amy Brough, Executive Director of the Stoneham Access Corporation and Town Counsel, William Solomon for their dedication and support to Channel 22, the Government Channel. This channel is located in the Town Clerk's Office.

My staff and I are looking forward to serving the residents of Stoneham in 2005.

Sincerely,

John J. Hanright

**2004 BREAKDOWN OF FEES COLLECTED**

Description	Number	State Fee	Town Fee	Clerk Fee	Total
Business List	1		25.00		25.00
Birth Certificate - Short Form	684		4,104.00		4,104.00
Birth Certificate - Long Form	1341		12,410.00		12,410.00
Birth Certificate - Amendments	7		210.00		210.00
Birth Certificate - Correction	5		150.00		150.00
Business Certificates	140		5,600.00		5,600.00
Business Certificates - Changes	5		50.00		50.00
Business Certificates - Certified Copy	12		60.00		60.00
Certification Letter - BOA	29		290.00		290.00
Certification Letter - BOS	5		50.00		50.00
Certification Letter - PB	4		40.00		40.00
Copies @ .50	287		143.50		143.50
Duplicate Fishing	1	2.50			2.50
Dog License	76		1,140.00		1,140.00
Dog License - Spay/Neuter	651		6,510.00		6,510.00
Death Certificate	923		9,230.00		9,230.00
Duplicate Sporting	1	2.50			2.50
Resident Fishing	142	3,124.00	71.00	142.00	3,337.00
Resident Fishing - Minor	2	12.00	1.00	2.00	15.00
Resident Fishing - 65/69	8	86.00	4.00	8.00	98.00
Resident Fishing > 70/Handicapped	42	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Resident Fishing	4	128.00	2.00	4.00	134.00
Resident Citizen Hunting	35	770.00	17.50	35.00	822.50
Resident Hunting 65/69	1	10.75	0.50	1.00	12.25
Resident Hunting Paraplegic	5				0.00
Kennel License	11		275.00		275.00
Archery Stamp	24	120.00	2.40		122.40
Waterfowl Stamp	21	99.75	5.25		105.00

Description	Number	State Fee	Town Fee	Clerk Fee	Total
Primitive Firearms Stamp	21	105.00	2.10		107.10
Marriage Certificate	150		1,500.00		1,500.00
Marriage Intention/License	123		3,690.00		3,690.00
Miscellaneous	25		250.00		250.00
Passport Fees @ \$30.00	937		28,110.00		28,110.00
Burial Permits	108		1,080.00		1,080.00
Gasoline Storage Permits	18		720.00		720.00
Raffle Permits	7		70.00		70.00
Resident Sporting	30	1,185.00	15.00	30.00	1,230.00
Resident Sporting 65/69	8	156.00	4.00	8.00	168.00
Resident Citizen Sporting > 70	38				0.00
Search of Records	2		10.00		10.00
Street Lists	26		650.00		650.00
UCC - Copies	13		26.00		26.00
Utilities	3		120.00		120.00
Bylaw Violations - \$25.00	19		475.00		475.00
Bylaw Violations - \$40.00	1		40.00		40.00
Bylaw Violations - \$50.00	145		7,250.00		7,250.00
Voter Registration Cards	15		75		75
Resident - Wild Conservation Stamp	226	1,130.00			1,130.00
Non Resident - Wild Conservation Stamp	4	20.00			20.00
Zoning Bylaws	63		2,205.00		2,205.00
Zoning Map	6		48.00		48.00
Grand Total	6455	6,951.50	86,731.25	230.00	93,912.75

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER/COLLECTOR

The principal function of this office is the management of funds. This office is responsible for the deposits of all income as well as the disbursement of all personnel payroll and vendor checks. Investment management and bond indebtedness are also functions of the Treasurer; the objective being that all funds are safe, liquid and invested daily at the highest possible yield.

Interest rates have finally started to climb after 3 years of decline. However, with the completion of major capital projects, the ability for the Town to generate interest revenue is limited. The trend will be for interest revenue to return to a normal level.

We have converted most of the major receivables to a new system. We are planning on finishing the conversion in 2005.

The successes of the past year are due to the diligent efforts of Peggy Columbus, Barbara Hanafin, Diane Murphy, and Kathleen Sullivan.



## 2004 SWEARING-IN - OATH OF OFFICE

<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Date</b>
James McLaughlin	Fire Station Renovation Committee	5-Jan-04
Paul R. Henehan	Police Officer	16-Jan-04
Laurence J. Rotondi	Board of Appeals	1/21/04
David J. Ryan	Student Police Officer	2/18/04
Susan E. Beccia	Finance and Advisory Board	1-Mar-04
John Pustell	Finance and Advisory Board	3/2/04
Shelly A. MacNeill	Town Administrator Screening Committee	3/29/04
Charles J. DeCoste	Town Administrator Screening Committee	3/30/04
Linda D. Peterson	Town Administrator Screening Committee	4/6/04
Ronald J. Florino	Town Administrator Screening Committee	4/12/04
Laurie Ann Vines	Finance and Advisory Board	4/6/04
Anthony C. Kennedy	Board of Selectmen	4/7/04
John F. DePinto	Board of Selectmen	4/8/04
Kristin A. Russo	School Committee	4/8/04
David H. Sheils	School Committee	4/8/04
Susan K. Doucette	Library Trustee	4/9/04
John J. Hanright	Town Clerk	5/3/04
Edward J. Pinato	Housing Authority	4/12/04
Kevin J. Crowley	Town Administrator Screening Committee	4/12/04
Benedict J. DiRusso, Jr.	Board of Health	4/13/04
Richard D. Mangerian	Board of Assessors	4/21/04
Susan Weldman Fixman	Library Trustee	4/27/04
Laurence J. Rotondi	Board of Appeals	4/28/04
Matthew D. Whooley	Historical Commission	4/28/04
Stephen E. Rotondi	Historical Commission	4/29/04
Harry T. Sampson	Board of Appeals	4/30/04
Barbara L. Mahoney	Council on Aging	5/4/04
JoAnn T. Anderson	Board of Registrars	5/5/04
Marcia M. Wengen	Council on Aging	5/5/04
David N. Armato	Historical Commission	5/6/04
Kevin C. McLaughlin	Board of Appeals	5/6/04
Matthew D. Whooley	Town Administrator Screening Committee	5/7/04
Sharon A. Iovanni	Town Administrator Screening Committee	5/11/04
Theresa M. DiBlasi	Open Space and Recreation	5/11/04
Stephen P. Sylvester	Open Space and Recreation	5/11/04
Marcia M. Wengen	Town Administrator Screening Committee	5/13/04
Ronald J. Florino	Town Administrator Screening Committee	5/18/04
John J. Hanright	Town Administrator Screening Committee	5/18/04
Mariam R. Moore	Council on Aging	5/20/04
Matthew D. Whooley	Water and Sewer Review Board	5/24/04

<b>Name</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>Date</b>
Kevin Dolan	Planning Board	5/25/04
Daniel T. Doherty	Board of Appeals	5/26/04
Robert Conway	Conservation Commission	6/8/04
Ronald J. Florino	Town Administrator Screening Committee	7/29/04
Donna F. Pagliarulo	Interim Town Accountant	7/29/04
John Warren	Finance and Advisory Board	8/3/04
Benjamin A. Caggiano	Finance and Advisory Board	8/5/04
Maria R. Sagarino	Temporary Assistant Town Clerk	8/6/04
Anne M. Mooney	Finance and Advisory Board	8/6/04
Maria R. Sagarino	Temp Asst Town Clerk for taking Spec TM minutes	
8/19/04		
John P. DeAmicis	Finance and Advisory Board	8/26/04
David J. Ryan	Police Officer	8/30/04
Jane L. Lavender	Director of Mystic Valley Elder Affairs	9/13/04
Rocco Ciccarello	Board of Registrars	9/27/04
Marcia M. Wengin	Cultural Council	10/4/04
Catherine A. Granese	Cultural Council	10/12/04
Daniel T. Doherty	Finance and Advisory Board	12/12/04
Jane C. DiGangi	Cultural Council	10/12/04
Robert J. Tobin, Jr.	Conservation Commission	10/20/04
Eric J. Lomas	Interim Full-Time Arena Assistant	10/26/04
John Roberto III	Inspector of Buildings	11/2/04
Paulette M. Gerry	Secretary for Planning and Appeal Boards	12/15/04
Cheryl L. Glover	Interim Building Inspector	12/23/04
Anthony E. DeTeso	Stoneham Rep. to Northeast Voke	12/23/04
Francis J. Golden	Director of Assessing	12/29/04

# Stoneham Annual Town Election

## April 6, 2004

### Town Clerk - 3 Year Term

Candidate	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	78	66	96	63	61	78	96	538
John J. Hanright	275	295	383	244	400	312	353	2262
Write-Ins	2	1	2	0	2	1	0	8
Totals	355	362	481	307	463	391	449	2808
								2808

### Board of Selectmen - 3 Year Term - Vote for 2

Candidate	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	92	54	90	69	84	75	120	584
Anthony C. Kennedy	167	176	261	157	194	186	168	1309
Mary M. Pecoraro	135	149	155	125	158	175	167	1064
John F. DePinto	204	229	271	179	321	234	293	1731
Daniel T. Doherty	109	115	183	80	166	112	150	915
Write-Ins	3	1	2	4	3	0	0	13
Totals	710	724	962	614	926	782	898	5616
								5616

### School Committee - 3 Year Term - Vote for One

Candidate	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	105	88	114	74	104	95	139	719
Kristin A. Russo	249	271	364	231	358	296	306	2075
Write-Ins	1	3	3	2	1	0	4	14
Totals	355	362	481	307	463	391	449	2808
								2808

### School Committee - 1 Year Term - Vote for One (Unexpired Term)

Candidate	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	55	56	58	24	55	37	58	343
David H. Sheils	182	182	253	206	262	223	232	1540
Matthew Whooley	118	124	169	76	145	131	158	921
Write-Ins	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	4
Totals	355	362	481	307	463	391	449	2808
								2808



### Board of Assessors - 3 Year Term - Vote for One

Candidate	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	117	99	128	84	103	115	125	771
Richard D. Mangerian	238	263	351	221	359	274	324	2030
Write-Ins	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	7
Totals	355	362	481	307	463	391	449	2808
								2808

### Library Trustee - 3 Year Term - Vote for Two

Candidate	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	240	208	292	170	245	247	303	1705
Susan K. Doucette	244	271	341	235	353	279	300	2023
Susan Waldman Fixman	226	245	328	209	326	256	294	1884
Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	4
Totals	710	724	962	614	926	782	898	5616
								5616

### Board of Health - 3 Year Term - Vote for One

Candidate	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	114	102	144	87	124	120	161	852
Benedict J. DiRusso, Jr.	241	260	336	220	338	271	286	1952
Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	4
Totals	355	362	481	307	463	391	449	2808
								2808

### Planning Board - 5 Year Term - Vote for One

Candidate	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	117	101	131	90	120	113	147	819
Kevin N. Dolan	238	260	349	216	339	277	300	1979
Blanks	0	1	1	1	4	1	2	10
Totals	355	362	481	307	463	391	449	2808
								2808

### Housing Authority - 5 Year Term - Vote for One

Candidate	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Totals
Blanks	96	94	132	74	103	111	143	753
Edward J. Pinato	259	268	348	231	360	279	304	2049
Write-Ins	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	6
Totals	355	362	481	307	463	391	449	2808
								2808

# WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

## TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2004

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

### GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall, 35 Central Street, on Tuesday, April 6, 2004, at seven o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles of this warrant:

#### **Article 1.** To choose the following officers:

One (1) Town Clerk for three (3) years.

Two (2) Selectmen for three (3) years.

One (1) School Committee Member for three (3) years.

One (1) School Committee Member for one (1) year.

One (1) Board of Assessors Member for three (3) years.

Two (2) Library Trustees for three (3) years.

One (1) Board of Health Member for three (3) years.

One (1) Planning Board Member for five (5) years.

One (1) Housing Authority Member for five (5) years.

All on one ballot.

The polls for the Annual Town Election shall be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

For consideration of the following Articles, the meeting shall be adjourned to meet in the Town Hall at 7:30 o'clock in the evening on Monday, May 3, 2004, in accordance with provisions of Article II, section 2-3 of the By-Laws of the Town of Stoneham.

Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 794 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi at 7:42 PM and the warrant was read.

Reverend William T. Schmidt gave the invocation. The National Anthem was sung by Stoneham resident Jessica Jackson, followed by the Pledge of Allegience.

**Article 2.**To choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the Town may determine.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 2.Voted** that the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator, as prescribed by applicable law, be authorized to choose all other necessary Town officers for the ensuing year in such a manner as the town may determine.

**Passes Unanimous**

**Article 3.**To hear the reports of Town officers and committees and to act thereon and to choose committees.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 3.Voted** that the reports of the Town officers and committees, as printed in the Annual Town Report for calendar year 2003 be accepted; and that committees be chosen.

**Passes Unanimous**

**Article 4.**To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for the 2004/2005 fiscal year.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 4.Voted** that the Town fix the salaries of the several elective officers and the Boards of the Town for Fiscal Year 2005, as follows:

Moderator	\$200
Selectmen	\$3,000
Assessors	\$1,200
Town Clerk	\$55,254

**Motion to Amend** made by John DeGeorge 148 Franklin Street as follows:



Add: The stated amounts are contingent on Town Meeting approval of Article 25 of the May 2004 Annual Town Meeting, and as such, shall be fixed for the actual amount that is funded and appropriated therein; which shall not exceed the above stated amounts.

**Motion to Postpone until After Article 10**  
**Not Postponed**

**Motion to Divide the Question**  
**Question Cannot Be Divided**

**Motion to Amend**  
**Amendment Fails**

**Vote on Main Motion**  
**Passes Per Moderator**

**Motion to Reconsider**  
**Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Motion made by Darin Leahy 11 Beacon Street to take Article 25 Out of Order**

**Motion to Move the Question**  
**Question is Moved**  
**Vote to Advance to Article 25**  
**Requires 2/3 Vote**  
**Article 25 Advanced Per Moderator**

**Hand Count to Challenge Vote**

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>508</b>	<b>131</b>

**Article Advanced at 8:40PM**

**Article 25.**To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or by transfer from available funds, such sums as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including debt and interest and a reserve fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 25.Voted** that the Town raise, transfer from available funds, and appropriate the sum of \$54,471,646 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including the Town operating budget for the year beginning July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, said sum as itemized on Exhibit B, provided that no amount in excess of \$52,004,337 shall be considered appropriated unless such amount, up to \$2,900,000, is voted by the Town to be exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 59, section 21C (Proposition 2 ½).

**Motion made by John Warren 25 Dean Street, Chairman- Finance & Advisory Board as follows:**

Move to divide the question

1. A vote on the Stabilization Account Transfer
2. A vote on the budget motion

**Motion to Move Question on Dividing Question  
Question is Moved**

**Motion to Divide Question  
Question is Divided**

**Motion made by John Warren as follows:**

Move that the Town transfer \$315,409 from the Stabilization Fund to the General Fund to be appropriated pursuant to the budget motion of this Article 25.

**Motion made by Carol Feke 25 Oak Street to Amend the Stabilization Amendment Motion presented by John Warren, as follows:**

Move to amend the Stabilization Fund transfer to the amount of \$600,000 to the General fund with the option of not return[ing] any money back to the Stabilization Fund.

**Motion to Amend (made by Carol Feke)  
Amendment Fails**

**Motion for Transfer to Stabilization  
2/3 Vote Required  
Passes Per Moderator  
Motion to Reconsider  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Motion made by Carol Feke 25 Oak Street to Amend the Main Motion as follows:**

Move that Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,855,962 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, including the Town operating budget for the year beginning July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005, said sum to be itemized as on the amended override exhibit. And further, the foregoing appropriation be raised or transferred as itemized as on the amended override exhibit.

**Motion to Move the Question  
Question is Moved**

**Motion For Secret Ballot  
Motion Fails**

**Motion to Adjourn  
Motion Fails**

**Vote on the Main Motion  
Majority Vote Required  
Passes Per Moderator**

**Motion For Hand Count**  
YES NO  
373 208

**Motion to Reconsider  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Motion to Adjourn until Thursday, May 6, 2004 at 7:30PM  
Meeting Adjourned at 11:38PM**

Meeting reopened by Moderator Michael Rotondi on Thursday, May 6, 2004 at 7:39PM. Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 323 voters were inside the meeting.

**Article 5.**To see if the Town will vote to lease the Stoneham Arena, for a period of up to ten (10) years, to a third party for the Arena's continued use as an ice skating and recreational facility and for other purposes not in conflict with its use therefore, pursuant to the provision of Section 10(h) of the Town of Stoneham Selectmen-Administrator Act (Chapter 26 of the Acts and Resolves of 1981, as amended) and the applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws. And further to authorize the Town Administrator to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

Or to do anything in relation thereto.



**Charles S. Smith, III et al**  
**132 Park Street**

**Article 5.Voted** that the Town lease the Stoneham Arena, for a period of up to ten (10) years, to a third party for the Arena s continued use as an ice skating and recreational facility and for other purposes not in conflict with its use therefore, pursuant to the provision of section 10 (h) of the Town of Stoneham Selectmen-administrator Act (Chapter 26 of the Acts and Resolves of 1981, as amended) and the applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws. And further to authorize the Town Administrator to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

**Motion made by Charles Houghton 15 Kimball Drive to amend**  
**Charles Houghton withdraws motion to amend.**

**Motion made by Edie Previdi 11 Elmhurst Road to amend main motion**  
**as follows:**

To see if the Town will vote to lease the Stoneham Arena for a period of not less than 5 years and no more than 10 years, including any option years.

**Motion made by Charles Houghton 15 Kimball Drive after vote on main**  
**motion, as follows:**

Move that the Board of Selectmen are authorized and directed to appoint a committee of seven voters for the purpose of formulating plans for the future management of Stoneham Arena as an ice skating rink and recreational facility. Said committee shall file a report of its findings with the Board of Selectmen by September 1, 2004 and said committee shall submit any Articles necessary to implement its findings at the Special Town Meeting in October, 2004.

**Charles Houghton withdraws committee motion.**

**Motion to Move Question**  
**Question is Moved**

**Motion to Amend**  
**Amendment Fails**

**Motion to Move Question**  
**Question is Moved**

**Vote on Main Motion**  
**Motion Fails**

**Article 6.**To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to pass an act revoking the Town s acceptance of that section of Chapter 31 of the General Laws of Massachusetts that placed the Town Hall Custodian position in the Town of Stoneham under Civil Service; said act to further provide that said revocation shall apply to any person holding said Town hall Custodian position on the effective date of the revocation, and that the revocation shall take effect on the passage of the act; or do anything in relation thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 6.Voted** that the Town petition the Legislature to pass an act revoking the Town s acceptance of that section of Chapter 31 of the General Laws of Massachusetts that placed the Town Hall Custodian position in the Town of Stoneham under Civil Service; said act to further provide that said revocation shall apply to any person holding said Town Hall Custodian position on the effective date of the revocation, and that the revocation shall take effect on the passage of the act.

**Passes Per Moderator**

**Motion to Reconsider  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**\*Sent to Senator Tisei and Representatives Casey & Donovan May 11, 2004**

**Article 7.**To see if the Town will vote to accept the following Non-Zoning Protection Bylaw establishing a Twenty-Five (25) Foot No-Disturb Strip: A continuous strip no less than twenty-five (25) feet in width, untouched and in its natural state, shall be left undisturbed adjacent to those areas meeting the description of a “wetland” as identified in the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. Ch 131.§40 and regulations

thereunder. 310 CMR 10.00. No person shall remove, fill, dredge, alter or build upon or within this strip.

Establishment of this strip shall be accomplished in the same manner as the buffer zone boundary is established as described in the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. Ch 131§40 and regulations hereunder. 310 CMR 10.00

**Deviations for Hardship:**

The Commission may grant, at its sole discretion, permission for work or disturbance within the twenty-five (25) foot no-disturb strip specified in this bylaw. No deviation from the bylaw shall be allowed except when the Commission finds that denial of proposed work would be likely to constitute a regulatory taking. For

purposes of this bylaw, a regulatory taking is defined as the elimination of all, or almost all, of a property's economic value.

### **I.Purpose**

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect the wetlands, water resources, and adjoining land areas in the Town of Stoneham by controlling activities deemed by the Conservation Commission likely to have a significant or cumulative effect upon resource area values, including but not limited to the following: public or private water supply, groundwater, flood control, erosion and sedimentation control, storm damage prevention including coastal storm flowage, water quality, water pollution control, fisheries, shellfisheries, wildlife habitat, rare species habitat including rare plant species, agriculture, aquaculture, and recreation values, deemed important to the community (collectively, the "resource area values protected by this bylaw"). This bylaw is intended to utilize the Home Rule authority of this municipality to protect additional resource areas, for additional values, with additional standards and procedures stricter than those of the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and Regulations hereunder (310 CMR 10.00), subject, however, to the rights and benefits accorded to agricultural uses and structures of all kinds under the laws of the Commonwealth.

### **II.Jurisdiction**

Except as permitted by the Conservation Commission or as provided in this bylaw, no person shall commence to remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, discharge into, or otherwise alter the following resource areas: any freshwater or coastal wetlands; marshes; wet meadows; bogs; swamps; vernal pools; banks; reservoirs; lakes; ponds of any size; rivers; streams; creeks; beaches; dunes; estuaries; the ocean; lands under water bodies; lands subject to flooding or inundation by groundwater or surface water; lands subject to tidal action, coastal storm flowage, or flooding; and lands abutting any of the aforesaid resource areas as set out in §VII (collectively the "resource areas protected by this bylaw"). Said resource areas shall be protected whether or not they border surface waters.

### **III. Exemptions and Exceptions**

The application and permit required by this bylaw shall not be required for work performed for normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural use as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations at 310 CMR 10.04.

The application and permit required by this bylaw shall not be required for maintaining, repairing, or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging, an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public to provide electric, gas, water, telephone, telegraph, or other telecommunication services, provided that written notice has been given to the Conservation Commission prior to commencement of work, and provided that the work conforms to any performance standards and design specifications in regulations adopted by the Commission.



The application and permit required by this bylaw shall not be required for emergency projects necessary for the protection of the health and safety of the public, provided that the work is to be performed by or has been ordered to be performed by an agency of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof; provided that advance notice, oral or written, has been given to the Commission prior to commencement of work or within 24 hours after commencement; provided that the Commission or its agent certifies the work as an emergency project; provided that the work is performed only for the time and place certified by the Commission for the limited purposes necessary to abate the emergency; and provided that within 21 days of commencement of an emergency project a permit application shall be filed with the Commission for review as provided by this bylaw. Upon failure to meet these and other requirements of the Commission, the Commission may, after notice and a public hearing, revoke or modify an emergency project approval and order restoration and mitigation measures.

Other than stated in this section, the exceptions provided in the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) shall not apply under this bylaw.

#### **IV. Applications and Fees**

Written application shall be filed with the Conservation Commission to perform activities affecting resource areas protected by this bylaw. The permit application shall include such information and plans as are deemed necessary by the Commission to describe proposed activities and their effects on the resource areas protected by this bylaw. No activities shall commence without receiving and complying with a permit issued pursuant to this bylaw.

The Commission, in an appropriate case, may accept as the application and plans under this bylaw any application and plans filed under the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

Any person desiring to know whether or not a proposed activity or an area is subject to this bylaw may in writing request a determination from the Commission. Such a Request for Determination (RFD) shall include information and plans as are deemed necessary by the Commission.

At the time of an application, the applicant shall pay a filing fee specified in Regulations of the Commission. The fee may be in addition to that required by the Wetlands Protection Act and Regulations.

Upon receipt of an application, or at any point during the hearing process, the Commission is authorized to require an applicant to pay a fee for the reasonable costs and expenses borne by the Commission for specific expert engineering and other consultant services deemed necessary by the Commission to come to a final

decision on the application. This fee is called the “consultant fee.” The specific consultant services may include, but are not limited to, performing or verifying the accuracy of resource area survey and delineation; analyzing resource area functions and values, including wildlife habitat evaluations, hydrogeologic and drainage analysis; and researching environmental or land use law.

If a municipal revolving fund has been established, pursuant to G.L. Ch. 44 §53E\_ or a special act, for deposit and Commission use of filing and/or consultant fees described above, then such filing and/or consultant fees shall be deposited therein, for uses set out in the vote establishing the fund. This account shall be kept separate from the account established for filing fees paid under the state Wetlands Protection Act.

The exercise of discretion by the Commission in making determination to require the payment of a consultant fee shall be based upon its reasonable finding that additional information available only through outside consultants is necessary for the making of an objective decision. Any applicant aggrieved by the imposition of, or size of, the consultant fee, or any act related thereto, may appeal according to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Commission may waive the filing fee, consultant fee, and costs and expenses for a permit or other application or RFD filed by a government agency.

The maximum consultant fee charged to reimburse the Commission for reasonable costs and expenses shall be as deemed necessary by the Commission.

**V Notice and Hearings**

Any person filing a permit or other application or RFD with the Conservation Commission at the same time shall give written notice thereof, by certified mail (return receipt requested) or hand delivered, to all abutters at their mailing addresses shown on the most recent applicable tax list of the assessors, including owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within 300 feet of the property line of the applicant, including any in another municipality or across a body of water. The notice to abutters shall have enclosed a copy of the application or request, with plans, or shall state where copies may be examined and obtained by abutters. An affidavit of the person providing such notice, with a copy of the notice mailed or delivered, shall be filed with the Commission. When a person requesting a determination is other than the owner, the request, the notice of the hearing, and the determination itself shall be sent by the Commission to the owner as well as to the person making the request.

The Commission shall conduct a public hearing on any permit application, Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANORAD) or RFD, with written notice given at the expense of the applicant, at least five business days prior to the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality.



The Commission shall commence the public hearing within 21 days from receipt of a completed permit application, ANORAD or RFD unless an extension is authorized in writing by the applicant. The Commission shall have authority to continue the hearing to a specific date announced at the hearing, for reasons stated at the hearing, which may include the need for additional information from the applicant or others deemed necessary by the Commission in its discretion, based on comments and recommendations of the boards and officials listed in §VI.

The Commission shall issue its permit, other order or determination in writing within 21 days of the close of the public hearing thereon unless an extension is authorized in writing by the applicant.

The Commission in an appropriate case may combine its hearing under this bylaw with the hearing conducted under the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch.131 §40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

#### **VI. Coordination with Other Boards**

Any person filing a permit application or RFD with the Conservation Commission shall provide a copy thereof at the same time, by certified mail (return receipt requested) or hand delivery, to the selectboard, planning board, board of appeals, board of health, town engineer, and building inspector. A copy shall be provided in the same manner to the Conservation Commission of the adjoining municipality, if the application or RFD pertains to property within 300 feet of that municipality. An affidavit of the person providing notice, with a copy of the notice mailed or delivered, shall be filed with the Commission. The Commission shall not take final action until the boards and officials have had 14 days from receipt of notice to file written comments and recommendations with the Commission, which the Commission shall take into account but which shall not be binding on the Commission. The applicant shall have the right to receive any comments and recommendations, and to respond to them at a hearing of the Commission, prior to final action.

#### **VII. Permits and Conditions**

If the Conservation Commission, after a public hearing, determines that the activities which are subject to the permit application or the land and water uses which will result therefrom, are likely to have a significant individual or cumulative effect upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw, the Commission, within 21 days of the close of the hearing, shall issue or deny a permit for the activities requested. If it issues a permit, the Commission shall impose conditions which the Commission deems necessary or desirable to protect those values, and all activities shall be done in accordance with those conditions. The Commission shall take into account the cumulative adverse effects of loss, degradation, isolation, and replication of protected resource areas throughout the community and the watershed, resulting from past activities, permitted and exempt, and foreseeable future activities.



Where no conditions are adequate to protect those resource values, the Commission is empowered to deny a permit for failure to meet the requirements of this bylaw. It may also deny a permit for failure to submit necessary information and plans requested by the Commission; for failure to meet the design specifications, performance standards, and other requirements in regulations of the Commission; or for failure to avoid or prevent unacceptable significant or cumulative effects upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw. Due consideration shall be given to any demonstrated hardship on the applicant by reason of denial, as presented at the public hearing.

Lands within 200 feet of rivers, ponds and lakes, and lands within 100 feet of other resource areas, are presumed important to the protection of these resources because activities undertaken in close proximity to resource areas have a high likelihood of adverse impact upon the wetland or other resource, either immediately, as a consequence of construction, or over time, as a consequence of daily operation or existence of the activities. These adverse impacts from construction and use can include, without limitation, erosion, siltation, loss of groundwater recharge, poor water quality, and loss of wildlife habitat. The Commission may therefore establish performance standards for protection of such lands including without limitation strips of continuous, undisturbed vegetative cover within the 200-foot or 100-foot area, or other form of work limit or setback to buildings, roads, landscaping and other features, unless the applicant convinces the Commission that the area or part of it may be disturbed without harm to the values protected by the bylaw. The specific size and type of protected area may be established by regulations of the Commission.

In the review of areas within 200 feet of rivers, ponds and lakes, no permit issued hereunder shall permit any activities unless the applicant, in addition to meeting the otherwise applicable requirements of this bylaw, has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that (1) there is no practicable alternative to the proposed project with less adverse effects, and that (2) such activities, including proposed mitigation measures, will have no significant adverse impact on the areas or values protected by this bylaw. The Commission shall regard as practicable an alternative which is reasonably available and capable of being done after taking into consideration the proposed property use, overall project purpose (e.g., residential, institutional, commercial, or industrial purpose), logistics, existing technology, costs of the alternatives, and overall project costs.

To prevent wetlands loss, the Commission shall require applicants to avoid wetlands alteration wherever feasible; shall minimize wetlands alteration; and, where alteration is unavoidable, shall require full mitigation. The Commission may authorize or require replication of wetlands as a form of mitigation, but only with adequate security, professional design, and monitoring to assure success, because of the high likelihood of failure of replication.

The Commission may require a wildlife habitat study of the project area, to be paid for by the applicant, whenever it deems appropriate, regardless of the type of resource area or the amount or type of alteration proposed. The decision shall be based upon the Commission's estimation of the importance of the habitat area considering (but not limited to) such factors as proximity to other areas suitable for wildlife, importance of species in the area. The work shall be performed by an individual who at least meets the qualifications set out in the wildlife habitat section of the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.60).

The Commission shall presume that all areas meeting the definition of "vernal pools" under §IX of this bylaw, including the adjacent area, perform essential habitat functions. This presumption may be overcome only by the presentation of credible evidence which, in the judgment of the Commission, demonstrates that the basin or depression does not provide essential habitat functions. Any formal evaluation should be performed by an individual meeting the qualifications under the wildlife habitat section of the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations.

A permit shall expire three years from the date of issuance. Notwithstanding the above, the Commission in its discretion may issue a permit expiring five years from the date of issuance for recurring or continuous maintenance work, provided that annual notification of time and location of work is given to the Commission. Any permit may be renewed once for an additional one-year period, provided that a request for a renewal is received in writing by the Commission prior to expiration. Notwithstanding the above, a permit may identify requirements which shall be enforceable for a stated number of years, indefinitely, or until permanent protection is in place, and shall apply to all owners of the land.

For good cause the Commission may revoke any permit, other order, determination or other decision issued under this bylaw after notice to the holder of the permit, the public, abutters, and town boards, pursuant to §V and §VI, and a public hearing. Amendments to permits or determinations shall be handled in the manner set out in the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations and policies hereunder.

The Commission in an appropriate case may combine the decision issued under this bylaw with the Order of Conditions, Order of Resource Area Delineation (ORAD), Determination of Applicability or Certificate of Compliance issued under the Wetlands Protection Act and Regulations.

No work proposed in any application shall be undertaken until the permit, ORAD or determination issued by the Commission with respect to such work has been recorded in the registry of deeds or, if the land affected is registered land, in the registry section of the land court for the district wherein the land lies, and until the holder of the permit certifies in writing to the Commission that the document has been recorded. If the applicant fails to perform, the Commission may record the documents itself.



## **VIII. Regulations**

After public notice and public hearing, the Conservation Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this bylaw, effective when voted and filed with the town clerk. Failure by the Commission to promulgate such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court of law shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this bylaw.

At a minimum these regulations shall define key terms in this bylaw not inconsistent with the bylaw, and procedures governing the amount and filing of fees.

## **IX. Definitions**

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and implementation of this bylaw.

The term "alter" shall include, without limitation, the following activities when undertaken to, upon, within or affecting resource areas protected by this bylaw:

- A. Removal, excavation, or dredging of soil, sand, gravel, or aggregate materials of any kind;
- B. Changing of preexisting drainage characteristics, flushing characteristics, salinity distribution, sedimentation patterns, flow patterns, or flood retention characteristics;
- C. Drainage, or other disturbance of water level or water table;
- D. Dumping, discharging, or filling with any material which may degrade water quality;
- E. Placing of fill, or removal of material, which would alter elevation;
- F. Driving of piles, erection, expansion or repair of buildings, or structures of any kind;
- G. Placing of obstructions or objects in water;
- H. Destruction of plant life including cutting or trimming of trees and shrubs;
- I. Changing temperature, biochemical oxygen demand, or other physical, biological, or chemical characteristics of any waters;
- J. Any activities, changes, or work which may cause or tend to contribute to pollution of any body of water or groundwater;
- K. Incremental activities which have, or may have, a cumulative adverse impact on the resource areas protected by this bylaw.

The term "bank" shall include the land area which normally abuts and confines a water body; the lower boundary being the mean annual low flow level, and the upper boundary being the first observable break in the slope or the mean annual flood level, whichever is higher.

The term "person" shall include any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business organization, trust, estate, the



Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof to the extent subject to town bylaws, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, this municipality, and any other legal entity, its legal representatives, agents, or assigns.

The term "pond" shall follow the definition of 310 CMR 10.04 except that the size threshold of 10,000 square feet shall not apply.

The term "rare species" shall include, without limitation, all vertebrate and invertebrate animal and all plant species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, regardless of whether the site in which they occur has been previously identified by the Division.

The term "vernal pool" shall include, in addition to scientific definitions found in the regulations under the Wetlands Protection Act, any confined basin or depression not occurring in existing lawns, gardens, landscaped areas or driveways which, at least in most years, holds water for a minimum of two continuous months during the spring and/or summer, contains at least 200 cubic feet of water at some time during most years, is free of adult predatory fish populations, and provides essential breeding and rearing habitat functions for amphibian, reptile or other vernal pool community species, regardless of whether the site has been certified by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The boundary of the resource area for vernal pools shall be 100 feet outward from the mean annual high water line defining the depression, but shall not include existing lawns, gardens, landscaped or developed areas.

Except as otherwise provided in this bylaw or in regulations of the Conservation Commission, the definitions of terms and procedures in this bylaw shall be as set forth in the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and Regulations (310 CMR10.00).

## **X. Security**

As part of a permit issued under this bylaw, in addition to any security required by any other municipal or state board, agency, or official, the Conservation Commission may require that the performance and observance of the conditions imposed hereunder (including conditions requiring mitigation work) be secured wholly or in part by one or more of the methods described below:

- A. By a proper bond or deposit of money or negotiable securities or other undertaking of financial responsibility sufficient in the opinion of the Commission, to be released in whole or in part upon issuance of a Certificate of Compliance for work performed pursuant to the permit.

- B. By accepting a conservation restriction, easement, or other covenant enforceable in a court of law, executed and duly recorded by the owner of record, running with the land to the benefit of this municipality whereby the permit conditions shall be performed and observed before any lot may be conveyed other than by mortgage deed. This method shall be used only with the consent of the applicant.

## **XI. Enforcement**

No person shall remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, or otherwise alter resource areas protected by this bylaw, or cause, suffer, or allow such activity, or leave in place unauthorized fill, or otherwise fail to restore illegally altered land to its original condition, or fail to comply with a permit or an enforcement order issued pursuant to this bylaw.

The Conservation Commission, its agents, officers, and employees shall have authority to enter upon privately owned land for the purpose of performing their duties under this bylaw and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys, or sampling as the Commission deems necessary, subject to the constitutions and laws of the United States and the Commonwealth.

The Commission shall have authority to enforce this bylaw, its regulations, and permits issued hereunder by violation notices, non-criminal citations under G.L. Ch. 40 §21D, and civil and criminal court actions. Any person who violates provisions of this bylaw may be ordered to restore the property to its original condition and take other action deemed necessary to remedy such violations, or may be fined, or both.

Upon request of the Commission, the selectboard and town counsel shall take legal action for enforcement under civil law. Upon request of the Commission, the chief of police shall take legal action for enforcement under criminal law.

Municipal boards and officers, including any police officer or other officer having police powers, shall have authority to assist the Commission in enforcement.

Any person who violates any provision of this bylaw, or regulations, permits, or administrative orders issued hereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300, after a reasonable time to correct the violation, as determined by the Commission, has passed. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues, or unauthorized fill or other alteration remains in place, shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the bylaw, regulations, permits, or administrative orders violated shall constitute a separate offense.

As an alternative to criminal prosecution in a specific case, the Commission may issue citations under the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in G.L. Ch. 40 §21D, which has been adopted by the Town in section \_\_ of the general bylaws

## **XII. Burden of Proof**

The applicant for a permit shall have the burden of proving by a preponderance of the credible evidence that the work proposed in the permit application will not have unacceptable significant or cumulative effect upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw. Failure to provide adequate evidence to the Conservation Commission supporting this burden shall be sufficient cause for the Commission to deny a permit or grant a permit with conditions.

## **XIII. Appeals**

A decision of the Conservation Commission shall be reviewable in the superior court in accordance with G.L. Ch. 249 §4.

## **XIV. Relation to the Wetlands Protection Act**

This bylaw is adopted under the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution and the Home Rule statutes, independent of the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) hereunder.

## **XV. Severability**

The invalidity of any section or provision of this bylaw shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof, nor shall it invalidate any permit, approval or determination which previously has been issued.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

## **Conservation Commission**

**Article 7.Voted** that the Town accept the following Non-Zoning protection bylaw establishing a twenty-five (25) foot no-disturb strip:

A continuous strip no less than twenty-five (25) feet in width, untouched and in its natural state, shall be left undisturbed adjacent to those areas meeting the description of a "wetland" as identified in the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. Ch 131. §40, and regulations thereunder ( 310 CMR 10.00). No person shall remove, fill, dredge, alter or build upon or within this strip

Establishment of this strip shall be accomplished in the same manner as the buffer zone boundary is established as described in the Wetlands Protection Act, G.L. Ch 131, §40, and regulations hereunder. (310 CMR 10.00).

## **Deviations for Hardship:**

The Commission may grant, at its sole discretion, permission for work or disturbance within the twenty-five (25) foot no-disturb strip specified in this bylaw. No deviation from the bylaw shall be allowed except when the Commission finds that denial of proposed work would be likely to constitute a regulatory taking. For purposes of this bylaw, a regulatory taking is defined as the elimination of all, or almost all, of a property's economic value.



## **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this bylaw is to protect the wetlands, water resources, and adjoining land areas in the Town of Stoneham by controlling activities deemed by the Conservation Commission likely to have a significant or cumulative effect upon resource area values, including but not limited to the following: public or private water supply, groundwater, flood control, erosion and sedimentation control, storm damage prevention including coastal storm flowage, water quality, water pollution control, fisheries, shellfisheries, wildlife habitat, rare species habitat including rare plant species, agriculture, aquaculture, and recreation values, deemed important to the community (collectively, the "resource area values protected by this bylaw"). This bylaw is intended to utilize the Home Rule authority of this municipality to protect additional resource areas, for additional values, with additional standards and procedures stricter than those of the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and Regulations hereunder (310 CMR 10.00), subject, however, to the rights and benefits accorded to agricultural uses and structures of all kinds under the laws of the Commonwealth.

## **II. Jurisdiction**

Except as permitted by the Conservation Commission or as provided in this bylaw, no person shall commence to remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, discharge into, or otherwise alter the following resource areas: any freshwater or coastal wetlands; marshes; wet meadows; bogs; swamps; vernal pools; banks; reservoirs; lakes; ponds of any size; rivers; streams; creeks; beaches; dunes; estuaries; the ocean; lands under water bodies; lands subject to flooding or inundation by groundwater or surface water; lands subject to tidal action, coastal storm flowage, or flooding; and lands abutting any of the aforesaid resource areas as set out in §VII (collectively the "resource areas protected by this bylaw"). Said resource areas shall be protected whether or not they border surface waters.

## **III Exemptions and Exceptions**

The application and permit required by this bylaw shall not be required for work performed for normal maintenance or improvement of land in agricultural use as defined by the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations at 310 CMR 10.04.

The application and permit required by this bylaw shall not be required for maintaining, repairing, or replacing, but not substantially changing or enlarging, an existing and lawfully located structure or facility used in the service of the public to provide electric, gas, water, telephone, telegraph, or other telecommunication services, provided that written notice has been given to the Conservation Commission prior to commencement of work, and provided that the work conforms to any performance standards and design specifications in regulations adopted by the Commission.

The application and permit required by this bylaw shall not be required for emergency projects necessary for the protection of the health and safety of the public, provided that the work is to be performed by or has been ordered to be

performed by an agency of the Commonwealth or a political subdivision thereof; provided that advance notice, oral or written, has been given to the Commission prior to commencement of work or within 24 hours after commencement; provided that the Commission or its agent certifies the work as an emergency project; provided that the work is performed only for the time and place certified by the Commission for the limited purposes necessary to abate the emergency; and provided that within 21 days of commencement of an emergency project a permit application shall be filed with the Commission for review as provided by this bylaw. Upon failure to meet these and other requirements of the Commission, the Commission may, after notice and a public hearing, revoke or modify an emergency project approval and order restoration and mitigation measures.

Other than stated in this section, the exceptions provided in the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) shall not apply under this bylaw.

#### **IV. Applications and Fees**

Written application shall be filed with the Conservation Commission to perform activities affecting resource areas protected by this bylaw. The permit application shall include such information and plans as are deemed necessary by the Commission to describe proposed activities and their effects on the resource areas protected by this bylaw. No activities shall commence without receiving and complying with a permit issued pursuant to this bylaw.

The Commission, in an appropriate case, may accept as the application and plans under this bylaw any application and plans filed under the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

Any person desiring to know whether or not a proposed activity or an area is subject to this bylaw may in writing request a determination from the Commission. Such a Request for Determination (RFD) shall include information and plans as are deemed necessary by the Commission.

At the time of an application, the applicant shall pay a filing fee specified in Regulations of the Commission. The fee may be in addition to that required by the Wetlands Protection Act and Regulations.

Upon receipt of an application, or at any point during the hearing process, the Commission is authorized to require an applicant to pay a fee for the reasonable costs and expenses borne by the Commission for specific expert engineering and other consultant services deemed necessary by the Commission to come to a final decision on the application. This fee is called the "consultant fee." The specific consultant services may include, but are not limited to, performing or verifying the accuracy of resource area survey and delineation; analyzing resource area functions and values, including wildlife habitat evaluations, hydrogeologic and drainage analysis; and researching environmental or land use law.



If a municipal revolving fund has been established, pursuant to G.L. Ch. 44 §53E\_ or a special act, for deposit and Commission use of filing and/or consultant fees described above, then such filing and/or consultant fees shall be deposited therein, for uses set out in the vote establishing the fund. This account shall be kept separate from the account established for filing fees paid under the state Wetlands Protection Act.

The exercise of discretion by the Commission in making determination to require the payment of a consultant fee shall be based upon its reasonable finding that additional information available only through outside consultants is necessary for the making of an objective decision. Any applicant aggrieved by the imposition of, or size of, the consultant fee, or any act related thereto, may appeal according to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws.

The Commission may waive the filing fee, consultant fee, and costs and expenses for a permit or other application or RFD filed by a government agency.

The maximum consultant fee charged to reimburse the Commission for reasonable costs and expenses shall be as deemed necessary by the Commission.

## **V. Notice and Hearings**

Any person filing a permit or other application or RFD with the Conservation Commission at the same time shall give written notice thereof, by certified mail (return receipt requested) or hand delivered, to all abutters at their mailing addresses shown on the most recent applicable tax list of the assessors, including owners of land directly opposite on any public or private street or way, and abutters to the abutters within 300 feet of the property line of the applicant, including any in another municipality or across a body of water. The notice to abutters shall have enclosed a copy of the application or request, with plans, or shall state where copies may be examined and obtained by abutters. An affidavit of the person providing such notice, with a copy of the notice mailed or delivered, shall be filed with the Commission. When a person requesting a determination is other than the owner, the request, the notice of the hearing, and the determination itself shall be sent by the Commission to the owner as well as to the person making the request.

The Commission shall conduct a public hearing on any permit application, Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANORAD) or RFD, with written notice given at the expense of the applicant, at least five business days prior to the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in the municipality.

The Commission shall commence the public hearing within 21 days from receipt of a completed permit application, ANORAD or RFD unless an extension is authorized in writing by the applicant. The Commission shall have authority to continue the hearing to a specific date announced at the hearing, for reasons stated at the



hearing, which may include the need for additional information from the applicant or others deemed necessary by the Commission in its discretion, based on comments and recommendations of the boards and officials listed in §VI.

The Commission shall issue its permit, other order or determination in writing within 21 days of the close of the public hearing thereon unless an extension is authorized in writing by the applicant.

The Commission in an appropriate case may combine its hearing under this bylaw with the hearing conducted under the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch.131 §40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00).

## **VI. Coordination with Other Boards**

Any person filing a permit application or RFD with the Conservation Commission shall provide a copy thereof at the same time, by certified mail (return receipt requested) or hand delivery, to the selectboard, planning board, board of appeals, board of health, town engineer, and building inspector. A copy shall be provided in the same manner to the Conservation Commission of the adjoining municipality, if the application or RFD pertains to property within 300 feet of that municipality. An affidavit of the person providing notice, with a copy of the notice mailed or delivered, shall be filed with the Commission. The Commission shall not take final action until the boards and officials have had 14 days from receipt of notice to file written comments and recommendations with the Commission, which the Commission shall take into account but which shall not be binding on the Commission. The applicant shall have the right to receive any comments and recommendations, and to respond to them at a hearing of the Commission, prior to final action.

## **VII. Permits and Conditions**

If the Conservation Commission, after a public hearing, determines that the activities which are subject to the permit application or the land and water uses which will result therefrom, are likely to have a significant individual or cumulative effect upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw, the Commission, within 21 days of the close of the hearing, shall issue or deny a permit for the activities requested. If it issues a permit, the Commission shall impose conditions which the Commission deems necessary or desirable to protect those values, and all activities shall be done in accordance with those conditions. The Commission shall take into account the cumulative adverse effects of loss, degradation, isolation, and replication of protected resource areas throughout the community and the watershed, resulting from past activities, permitted and exempt, and foreseeable future activities.

Where no conditions are adequate to protect those resource values, the Commission is empowered to deny a permit for failure to meet the requirements of this bylaw. It may also deny a permit for failure to submit necessary information and plans requested by the Commission; for failure to meet the design specifications,

performance standards, and other requirements in regulations of the Commission; or for failure to avoid or prevent unacceptable significant or cumulative effects upon the resource area values protected by this bylaw. Due consideration shall be given to any demonstrated hardship on the applicant by reason of denial, as presented at the public hearing.

Lands within 200 feet of rivers, ponds and lakes, and lands within 100 feet of other resource areas, are presumed important to the protection of these resources because activities undertaken in close proximity to resource areas have a high likelihood of adverse impact upon the wetland or other resource, either immediately, as a consequence of construction, or over time, as a consequence of daily operation or existence of the activities. These adverse impacts from construction and use can include, without limitation, erosion, siltation, loss of groundwater recharge, poor water quality, and loss of wildlife habitat. The Commission may therefore establish performance standards for protection of such lands including without limitation strips of continuous, undisturbed vegetative cover within the 200\_foot or 100\_foot area, or other form of work limit or setback to buildings, roads, landscaping and other features, unless the applicant convinces the Commission that the area or part of it may be disturbed without harm to the values protected by the bylaw. The specific size and type of protected area may be established by regulations of the Commission.

In the review of areas within 200 feet of rivers, ponds and lakes, no permit issued hereunder shall permit any activities unless the applicant, in addition to meeting the otherwise applicable requirements of this bylaw, has proved by a preponderance of the evidence that (1) there is no practicable alternative to the proposed project with less adverse effects, and that (2) such activities, including proposed mitigation measures, will have no significant adverse impact on the areas or values protected by this bylaw. The Commission shall regard as practicable an alternative which is reasonably available and capable of being done after taking into consideration the proposed property use, overall project purpose (e.g., residential, institutional, commercial, or industrial purpose), logistics, existing technology, costs of the alternatives, and overall project costs.

To prevent wetlands loss, the Commission shall require applicants to avoid wetlands alteration wherever feasible; shall minimize wetlands alteration; and, where alteration is unavoidable, shall require full mitigation. The Commission may authorize or require replication of wetlands as a form of mitigation, but only with adequate security, professional design, and monitoring to assure success, because of the high likelihood of failure of replication.

The Commission may require a wildlife habitat study of the project area, to be paid for by the applicant, whenever it deems appropriate, regardless of the type of resource area or the amount or type of alteration proposed. The decision shall be based upon the Commission's estimation of the importance of the habitat area



considering (but not limited to) such factors as proximity to other areas suitable for wildlife, importance of species in the area. The work shall be performed by an individual who at least meets the qualifications set out in the wildlife habitat section of the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations (310 CMR 10.60).

The Commission shall presume that all areas meeting the definition of "vernal pools" under §IX of this bylaw, including the adjacent area, perform essential habitat functions. This presumption may be overcome only by the presentation of credible evidence which, in the judgment of the Commission, demonstrates that the basin or depression does not provide essential habitat functions. Any formal evaluation should be performed by an individual meeting the qualifications under the wildlife habitat section of the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations.

A permit shall expire three years from the date of issuance. Notwithstanding the above, the Commission in its discretion may issue a permit expiring five years from the date of issuance for recurring or continuous maintenance work, provided that annual notification of time and location of work is given to the Commission. Any permit may be renewed once for an additional one-year period, provided that a request for a renewal is received in writing by the Commission prior to expiration. Notwithstanding the above, a permit may identify requirements which shall be enforceable for a stated number of years, indefinitely, or until permanent protection is in place, and shall apply to all owners of the land.

For good cause the Commission may revoke any permit, other order, determination or other decision issued under this bylaw after notice to the holder of the permit, the public, abutters, and town boards, pursuant to §V and §VI, and a public hearing. Amendments to permits or determinations shall be handled in the manner set out in the Wetlands Protection Act Regulations and policies hereunder.

The Commission in an appropriate case may combine the decision issued under this bylaw with the Order of Conditions, Order of Resource Area Delineation (ORAD), Determination of Applicability or Certificate of Compliance issued under the Wetlands Protection Act and Regulations.

No work proposed in any application shall be undertaken until the permit, ORAD or determination issued by the Commission with respect to such work has been recorded in the registry of deeds or, if the land affected is registered land, in the registry section of the land court for the district wherein the land lies, and until the holder of the permit certifies in writing to the Commission that the document has been recorded. If the applicant fails to perform, the Commission may record the documents itself.



## **VIII. Regulations**

After public notice and public hearing, the Conservation Commission shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this bylaw, effective when voted and filed with the town clerk. Failure by the Commission to promulgate such rules and regulations or a legal declaration of their invalidity by a court of law shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this bylaw.

At a minimum these regulations shall define key terms in this bylaw not inconsistent with the bylaw, and procedures governing the amount and filing of fees.

## **IX. Definitions**

The following definitions shall apply in the interpretation and implementation of this bylaw.

The term "alter" shall include, without limitation, the following activities when undertaken to, upon, within or affecting resource areas protected by this bylaw:

- A. Removal, excavation, or dredging of soil, sand, gravel, or aggregate materials of any kind;
- B. Changing of preexisting drainage characteristics, flushing characteristics, salinity distribution, sedimentation patterns, flow patterns, or flood retention characteristics;
- C. Drainage, or other disturbance of water level or water table;
- D. Dumping, discharging, or filling with any material which may degrade water quality;
- E. Placing of fill, or removal of material, which would alter elevation;
- F. Driving of piles, erection, expansion or repair of buildings, or structures of any kind;
- G. Placing of obstructions or objects in water;
- H. Destruction of plant life including cutting or trimming of trees and shrubs;
- I. Changing temperature, biochemical oxygen demand, or other physical, biological, or chemical characteristics of any waters;
- J. Any activities, changes, or work which may cause or tend to contribute to pollution of any body of water or groundwater;
- K. Incremental activities which have, or may have, a cumulative adverse impact on the resource areas protected by this bylaw.

The term "bank" shall include the land area which normally abuts and confines a water body; the lower boundary being the mean annual low flow level, and the upper boundary being the first observable break in the slope or the mean annual flood level, whichever is higher.

The term "person" shall include any individual, group of individuals, association, partnership, corporation, company, business organization, trust, estate, the Commonwealth or political subdivision thereof to the extent subject to town bylaws, administrative agency, public or quasi-public corporation or body, this municipality, and any other legal entity, its legal representatives, agents, or assigns.

The term "pond" shall follow the definition of 310 CMR 10.04 except that the size threshold of 10,000 square feet shall not apply.

The term "rare species" shall include, without limitation, all vertebrate and invertebrate animal and all plant species listed as endangered, threatened, or of special concern by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, regardless of whether the site in which they occur has been previously identified by the Division.

The term "vernal pool" shall include, in addition to scientific definitions found in the regulations under the Wetlands Protection Act, any confined basin or depression not occurring in existing lawns, gardens, landscaped areas or driveways which, at least in most years, holds water for a minimum of two continuous months during the spring and/or summer, contains at least 200 cubic feet of water at some time during most years, is free of adult predatory fish populations, and provides essential breeding and rearing habitat functions for amphibian, reptile or other vernal pool community species, regardless of whether the site has been certified by the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. The boundary of the resource area for vernal pools shall be 100 feet outward from the mean annual high water line defining the depression, but shall not include existing lawns, gardens, landscaped or developed areas.

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- B. By accepting a conservation restriction, easement, or other covenant enforceable in a court of law, executed and duly recorded by the owner of record, running with the land to the benefit of this municipality whereby the permit conditions shall be performed and observed before any lot may be conveyed other than by mortgage deed. This method shall be used only with the consent of the applicant.

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Upon request of the Commission, the Board of Selectmen and Town Counsel shall take legal action for enforcement under civil law. Upon request of the Commission, the chief of police shall take legal action for enforcement under criminal law.

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Any person who violates any provision of this bylaw, or regulations, permits, or administrative orders issued hereunder, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$300, after a reasonable time to correct the violation, as determined by the Commission, has passed. Each day or portion thereof during which a violation continues, or unauthorized fill or other alteration remains in place, shall constitute a separate offense, and each provision of the bylaw, regulations, permits, or administrative orders violated shall constitute a separate offense.

As an alternative to criminal prosecution in a specific case, the Commission may issue citations under the non-criminal disposition procedure set forth in G.L. Ch. 40 §21D, which has been adopted by the Town in section \_\_ of the general bylaws



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## **XIII Appeals**

A decision of the Conservation Commission shall be reviewable in the superior court in accordance with G.L. Ch. 249 §4.

## **XIV. Relation to the Wetlands Protection Act**

This bylaw is adopted under the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution and the Home Rule statutes, independent of the Wetlands Protection Act (G.L. Ch. 131 §40) and Regulations (310 CMR 10.00) hereunder.

## **XV. Severability**

The invalidity of any section or provision of this bylaw shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof, nor shall it invalidate any permit, approval or determination which previously has been issued.

Motion made by Ken Pruitt 9 Everett Street to amend motion as follows:

Under "Deviations for Hardships", add the following at the end of the second sentence after the words "regulatory taking": "or when the commission finds that there is no feasible alternative to the proposed work and the proposed work will not negatively impact the resource area values described in this bylaw.

**Motion to Move Question**

**Question is Moved**

**Motion to Amend**

**Amendment Fails**

**Motion to Move Question**

**Question is Moved**

**Vote on Main Motion**

**Passes Per Moderator**

**Motion for Hand Count**

<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
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<b>113</b>	<b>80</b>
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**Motion for Reconsideration**

**Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Section 10(h) of the Town of Stoneham Selectmen-Administrator Act (Chapter 26 of the Acts and Resolves of 1981, as amended) and any applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, to authorize the Town Administrator to lease portions of the Fire Station, located at 25 Central Street, Stoneham, Massachusetts, for use by one or more personal wireless service providers as a personal wireless service facility(ies), including antennas and related infrastructure and equipment, to provide personal wireless services only. And further to authorize the Town Administrator to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

Or do anything in relation thereto.

**Town Administrator**

**Article 8. Voted** that the Town Indefinitely Postpone Article 8.

**Motion to Move Question**  
**Question is Moved**  
**Motion to Indefinitely Postpone**  
**Indefinitely Postponed**  
**Motion for Reconsideration**  
**Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court for an amendment to Chapter 26 of the Acts and Resolves of 1981 ("Selectman-Administrator Act"), Section 14, increasing the membership of the Board of Selectmen from five to seven, such increase to be effective starting with the 2006 Annual Town Election, and providing for election of two additional members at that election, with the candidate receiving the highest number of votes to serve a term of two years and the candidate receiving the next highest number of votes to serve a term of two years; thereafter all members of the Board of Selectmen to serve terms of three years. Such special act to include language that it shall not be effective unless and until it is accepted by the voters of the Town at the April 2005 election; or take any action thereon.

**Janice Houghton et al**  
**21 Cricklewood Drive**

**Article 9. Voted** that the Town petition the General Court for an amendment to Chapter 26 of the Acts and Resolves of 1981 ("Selectman-Administrator Act"), Section 14, increasing the membership of the Board of Selectmen from five to seven, such increase to be effective starting with the 2006 Annual Town Election, and providing for election of two additional members at that time, with the candidate receiving the highest number of votes to serve a term of two years and the candidate

receiving the next highest number of votes to serve a term of two years; thereafter all members of the Board of Selectmen to serve terms of three years. Such special act to include language that it shall not be effective unless and until it is accepted by the voters of the Town at the April 2005 election.

**Motion to Move Question  
Question is Moved**

**Motion Fails**

**Motion for Reconsideration  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to increase the Board of Selectmen membership from five (5) members to seven (7) members, or to do anything in relation thereto.

**John M. DeGeorge et al  
148 Franklin Street**

**Article 10. Voted** that the Town petition the Legislature to amend section 14 of Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981, as amended, (An Act Establishing a Selectmen-Town Administrator Form of Government) by changing the number of members of the Board of Selectmen from five (5) members to seven (7) members. And that the Town Code, including but not limited to Section 2-38.1 of Chapter 2 Article VI, be amended to reflect this change; which shall take effect as of the year 2005 Annual Election, at which time one (1) existing seat and the two (2) new seats would all be open for the election of a total of three (3) members, each of which shall serve for a three (3) year term. If ratification is required, this change shall be presented to the voters of the Town of Stoneham on the November 2004 State Election Ballot, or otherwise directed by the Legislature. All related expenses shall be funded as necessary by the applicable departments fiscal year budget.

**Motion Fails  
Motion for Reconsideration  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Code Chapter 15, Zoning By-law, by deleting from the Educational District and adding to the Residence A zone a portion of the parcel of land known as Lot 152 of Assessors Map 8 described as follows:



Beginning at a point on easterly sideline of Emerald Court, so-called, a private way, said point being 253.00 feet from Franklin Street, the line runs by land now or formerly of Joyce at #6 Emerald Court north 87-28-22 east, 49.50 feet and by land now or formerly of McDonald at #147 Franklin Street south 76-37-00 east, 100.00 feet; thence the line turns and runs south 24-48-12 west, 87.16 feet, to a point; thence the line turns and runs north 81-30-44 west, 133.50 feet, by land now or formerly of Swallow at #14 Emerald Court, to a point in the easterly sideline of the aforementioned Emerald Court; thence the line turns and runs along said easterly sideline north 15-13-04 east, 83.30 feet, to the point of beginning. Said parcel containing 12,385 square feet, more or less.

All according to the "Plan of lot A#10 Emerald Court in Stoneham, Massachusetts" dated July 21, 2003 by Robert E. Grover, Town Engineer, and subject to the sewer easement as shown; or do anything in relation thereto.

### **Board of Selectmen**

**Article 11.** Town Counsel William Solomon states that, under State Statute, this Article cannot be acted upon without a favorable recommendation from the Planning Board. The original article( #13) was made at the Special Town Meeting held October 27, 2003 and failed. Thus, without a favorable recommendation by the Planning Board, the article may not be brought up within two years of the original article date.

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature for a Special Act that will empower the registered voters to have a Proposition 2 ½ "Override Question" placed on an election ballot, or do anything in relation thereto:

**John M. DeGeorge et al**  
**148 Franklin Street**

**Article 12. Voted** that the Town petition the Legislature for a Special Act that will empower the registered voters of Stoneham to have a Proposition 2 ½ Under-ride Question placed on an election ballot by supplementing the provisions of MGL Chapter 59 Section 21C as follows:

"Upon receipt of a petition signed by five hundred (500) certified registered voters, the Board of Selectmen shall place a Proposition 2 ½ Override Question, for the dollar amount specified in the petition, on an election ballot by no later than the next scheduled Annual Town Election; or sooner if a special or other appropriate election is scheduled before then. The amount specified in a petition shall not exceed the greater of either

2 ½% of the current fiscal year budget amount, or as applicable, 50% of the override amount, appropriated for the current fiscal year. If multiple petitions are submitted prior to any of the aforementioned scheduled elections the dollar amount for the Underride Question shall be taken from the petition that specifies the highest amount. There shall be no limit on the number of times that a petition may be presented for Board of Selectmen action; however, the petition must be received by the Board of Selectmen at least fifty (50) calendar days before a scheduled election date. This Act shall go into effect on the date of approval."

Town Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to do anything required and/or necessary in relation hereto, and he shall support, encourage, and expedite the passage of this Act.

**Motion to Move the Question  
Question is Moved**

**Motion Fails**

Motion For Hand Count	
YES	NO
62	68

**Motion For Reconsideration  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Motion to Adjourn Meeting until Monday, May 10, 2004 at 7:30PM  
Meeting Adjourned at 11:08PM**

Meeting reopened by Moderator Michael Rotondi on Monday, May 10, 2004 at 7:35PM. Tellers were appointed to check the names of voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 134 voters were inside the meeting.

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to reduce the amount of Real Estate Tax due on certain property that is owned, or jointly owned, by a senior citizen; and to petition the Legislature for approval, etc., if necessary, or do anything in relation thereto.

**John M. DeGeorge et al  
148 Franklin Street**

**Article 13. Voted** that the Town petition the Legislature for a Special Act that provides for the intent of the following: Senior Citizen owned property that is the principle residence of the owner(s) shall be taxed at \$500.00 less than the applicable "Real Estate Tax Rate" calculated amount; or at an increased reduction amount in the future, if so approved by a majority vote of Town Meeting or a majority vote of the sitting members of the board of Selectmen, provided that:

- a) the principle residence is a single family unit, a townhouse unit, or a condominium unit, and
- b) prior to January 1, of the applicable fiscal year, all of the permanent occupants are seventy (70) years of age or over; or under seventy (70) but substantially incapacitated and permanently disabled as determined by federal and/or state laws, statutes or regulations, and
- c) all permanent occupants are certified residents of the Town of Stoneham, and
- d) the tax on the principle residence property has not been, nor is in the process of being, reduced by a Board of Assessors approved Senior Citizen Exemption.

Eligible citizens may waive their entitled tax reduction, if they should choose to do so, by notifying the Board of Assessors in writing as applicable for each fiscal year of their choice.

This Special Act shall go into effect as of the start of Fiscal Year "2006" and shall continue in effect, unless otherwise changed by a unanimous, or hand count four-fifths (4/5), vote at a subsequent Town Meeting.

The Board of Assessors shall be responsible and authorized to take any and all action necessary to carry out and implement the intent and the provisions of this Act. All related expenses shall be funded as necessary by the applicable department's fiscal year budget.

Town Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to do anything required and/or necessary in relation hereto, and he shall support, encourage, and expedite the passage of this Act.

**Motion made by Carol Feke 25 Oak Street to amend motion as follows:**

Move that the Town, if the Over-ride is Approved on the upcoming ballot vote at Town Hall, will vote to reduce the amount of real Estate Tax due on certain property that is owned, or jointly owned by a senior citizen 70 years of age or older as their principle residence, by the amount of only \$250.00 per year starting on the date of January 1, 2005 and to attend to any further legal process necessary, so that this article will have force under State Law.

**Motion to Move Question on Amendment**  
**Question is Moved**  
**Amendment Fails**



**Motion to Move Question  
Question is Moved  
Vote on Main Motion  
Motion Fails**

**Motion For Hand Count**  
**YES            NO**  
**47             74**

**Motion for Reconsideration  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

Article 14. Move that the Town appropriate a sum of money for the Board of Assessors to pay for the costs of Interim Year Adjustments for all real estate and for an Update of all real estate and personal property. Such funding shall come from the Overlay Surplus Account or do anything in relation thereto.

#### **Board of Assessors**

Article 14. Voted that the town appropriate the sum of \$125,000 for the Board of Assessors to pay the costs of Interim Year adjustments on all taxable property and for an Update of all real estate and personal property. Such funding shall come from the Overlay Surplus Account.

#### **Passes Per Moderator**

**Motion for Reconsideration  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$150,000 to defray the cost of drainage improvements in Franklin Street, private land to Pine Street, Pine Street and private land to the detention basin adjacent to Recreation Park, or do anything in relation thereto.

#### **Board of Selectmen**

**Article 15. Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$150,000 to defray the cost of drainage improvements in Franklin Street, private land to Pine Street, Pine Street, and private land to the detention basin adjacent to Recreation Park; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow \$150,000 pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority; and that the Town Administrator be authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

**Motion to Move Question  
Question is Moved**

**Requires 2/3 Vote  
Fails Per Moderator**

**Motion for Reconsideration  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, the sum of \$125,000 to defray the cost of drainage improvements in Spring Street from Cardinal Road to East Street, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 16. Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$125,000 to defray the cost of drainage improvements in Spring Street from Cardinal Road to East Street; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow \$125,000 pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority; and that the Town Administrator be authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

**Requires 2/3 Vote  
Fails Per Moderator**

**Motion for Reconsideration  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer up to \$350,000 from the Town Stabilization Account to the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Account for the purpose of reducing an anticipated Fiscal Year 2004 deficit in said account, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 17. Voted** that the Town transfer up to \$150,000 from the Stabilization Account to the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Account for the purpose of reducing an anticipated Fiscal Year 2004 deficit in said account.

**Motion made by Terri Ghannam 37 Green Street to amend article as follows:**

Move that we move \$350,000 from the Stabilization fund to the Water Enterprise fund.

**Motion to Move Question**

**Question is Moved**

**Vote on Amendment**

**Fails Per Moderator**

**Motion to Move Question**

**Question is Moved**

**Vote on Main Motion**

**Requires 2/3 Vote**

**Passes Per Moderator**

**Motion for Reconsideration**

**Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 25 of the May 5, 2003 Annual Town Meeting by reducing the amount in said article by up to \$200,000 and transferring up to \$200,000 from said article into the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Account for the purpose of reducing an anticipated Fiscal Year 2004 deficit in said account, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 18. Voted** that the Town amend Article 25 of the May 5, 2003 Annual Town Meeting by reducing the amount in said article by up to \$181,000 and transferring this amount from said article into the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings Account for the purpose of reducing an anticipated Fiscal Year 2004 deficit in said account.

**Passes Unanimous**

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, \$300,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains, hydrant replacement, water meter installations, purchasing equipment, or maintaining the water system within the limits of the Town, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 19. Voted** that the Town transfer from estimated water receipts, \$300,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing water mains or replacing or relining existing water mains, hydrant replacement, water meter installations, purchasing equipment, or maintaining the water system within the limits of the Town.



**Passes Unanimous**

**Motion for Reconsideration  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, \$250,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction or rehabilitation of sewer mains, manholes, pump stations or appurtenances, purchasing equipment, or maintaining the sewer system within the limits of the Town, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 20. Voted** that the Town transfer from estimated sewer receipts, \$250,000 for the purpose of defraying the cost of construction or rehabilitation of sewer mains, manholes, pump stations or appurtenances, purchasing equipment, or maintaining the sewer system within the limits of the Town.

**Passes Unanimous**

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, \$60,000 to purchase a heavy duty pick-up truck and skid-load, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 21. Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$60,000 to purchase a heavy duty pick-up truck and skid-load; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow \$60,000 pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority; and that the Town Administrator be authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

**Motion to Move Question  
Question is Moved**

**Requires 2/3 Vote  
Passes Unanimous**

**Motion for Reconsideration  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money to fund related costs associated with the repair and replacement of approximately 24,000 square feet of Middle School roof and to repair and replace electrical and heating systems at the Middle School and High School at a cost not to exceed \$227,870, or do anything in relation thereto.

#### **School Committee**

**Article 22. Voted** that the Town appropriate the sum not to exceed \$227,870 to fund related costs associated with the repair and replacement of approximately 24,000 square feet of Middle School roof and to repair and replace electrical and heating systems at the Middle School and High School; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow \$227,870 pursuant to Chapter 44 of the MA general Laws, or any other enabling authority; and that the Town Administrator be authorized to take any action necessary to carry out this vote.

**Motion to Move Question  
Question is Moved**

**Passes Per Moderator**

**Motion for Reconsideration  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to amend the Fiscal Year 2004 department budgets approved under Article 18 of the May 2003 Annual Town Meeting, as amended, or do anything in relation thereto.

#### **Board of Selectmen**

**Article 23. Voted** that the Town transfer from available funds \$231,401 to amend the FY04 department budgets voted under Article 18 of the May, 2003 Annual Town Meeting as amended; said sum as itemized on Exhibit A.

**Motion made by Richard Gregorio 17 Crystal Drive, Member of Finance & Advisory Board, to amend article as follows:**

Move to change Exhibit A Column Heading from "Salaries" to "Personnel"

**Vote on Amendment  
Amendment Passes**

**Vote on Main Motion**  
**Passes Unanimous**

**Article 24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money to pay prior year invoices, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 24. Voted** that Town Indefinitely Postpone Article 24.

**Passes**  
**Indefinitely Postponed**

**Motion to Dissolve**  
**Meeting Dissolved at 10:33PM.**

John J. Hanright, CMC  
Town Clerk



2004 SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS - JUNE 15, 2004

	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks				2		1	6	9
Yes	297	285	363	277	356	336	308	2222
No	633	598	876	645	844	712	710	5018
Total	930	883	1239	924	1200	1049	1024	7249
Reg Voters	1950	1884	2174	1898	2105	2021	1872	13904
% of Voters	47.60%	46.80%	56.90%	48.60%	57.00%	51.90%	54.70%	52.10%

# **WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2004**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

## **GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall, 35 Central Street, on Thursday, August 19, 2004 at 7:30 o'clock in the evening to act on the following Articles of this Warrant:

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen on July 27, 2004 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall, 35 Central Street on Thursday, August 19, 2004 at 7:39 in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check names of the voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 508 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi and the Pledge Allegiance was made.

Town Clerk John Hanright is absent from the Special Town Meeting and a Temporary Clerk must be appointed.

Cosmo Ciccarello, 1 Dinanno Road, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen nominated Maria Sagarino, a staff member in the Town Clerk's Office to act as Temporary Clerk for the meeting. He read a letter from Town Clerk John Hanright to the Town Meeting body.

Michael Rotondi then took a vote which passed unanimous and Maria Sagarino was sworn in as Temporary Clerk.

Gus Niewenhous 3 Valdora Drive, Chairman of the Planning Board made a motion to take Article #4 out of order.

**Requires a Majority Vote  
Passes Unanimous**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 4.8.2.10 as follows:

4.8.2. Medical and dental offices and laboratories and clinics.

**Planning Board**

**Article 4. Voted** that the subject matter of Article #4 be indefinitely postponed.

**Passes Unanimous**

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature for a Special Act that will empower the registered voters to have a proposition 2 ½ “Underride Question” placed on an election ballot, or do anything in relation thereto:

**John M. DeGeorge et al**  
**148 Franklin Street**

**Article 1. Voted** that the Town petition the Legislature for a Special Act that will empower the registered voters of the Town of Stoneham to have a Proposition 2 ½ Underride Question placed on an election ballot by supplementing the provisions of MGL Chapter 59 Section 21C as follows:

“Upon receipt of a petition signed by five hundred (500) certified registered voters, the Board of Selectmen shall place a Proposition 2 ½ Underride Question, for the dollar amount specified in the petition, on an election ballot by no later than the next scheduled Annual Town Election; or sooner if a special or other appropriate election is scheduled before then. The amount specified in a petition shall not exceed the greater of either 2½% of the total current fiscal year budget amount, or as applicable, 50% of the override amount, appropriated for the current fiscal year. If multiple petitions are submitted prior to any of the aforementioned scheduled elections the dollar amount for the Underride Question shall be taken from the petition that specifies the highest amount. There shall be no limit on the number of times that a petition may be presented for Board of Selectmen action; however, the petition must be received by the Board of Selectmen at least fifty (50) calendar days before a scheduled election date. This Act shall go into effect on the date of approval.”

Town Counsel is hereby authorized and directed to do anything required and/or necessary in relation hereto, and he shall support, encourage, and expedite the passage of this article.

**Motion to Move the Question**  
**Question is Moved**



## **Passes Per Moderator**

### **Motion for Reconsideration Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer of available funds or by gift acceptance or by transfer from available funds the amount of \$100,000 for the purpose of additional funding for the duties of the Traffic Directors Association in the Town of Stoneham.

**Rose Pignone et al  
2 Gigante Drive**

**Article 2. Voted** that the subject matter of article number 2 of the Special Town Meeting dated August 19, 2004 be indefinitely postponed due to a final agreement of funding of 15 Traffic Directors from available funds. These funds will employ 15 Traffic Directors until the October Town Meeting of the year 2004.

### **Motion to Indefinitely Postpone Passes Unanimous**

### **Motion for reconsideration Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will transfer \$300,000 from general funds to the School Department for the purpose of hiring Elementary School Teachers to alleviate overcrowded classrooms in grades 1 through 5 and to minimize the need for redistricting at the elementary level, and will transfer \$1500 from the general funds to the Office of the Town Clerk to reimburse that office for the cost of running the Special Town Meeting.

**Carol H. Feke et al  
25 Oak Street**

**Article 3. Voted** that the town raise and appropriate from revenue received in the current fiscal year the amount of \$300,000 for use by the School Department to hire elementary school teachers in order to alleviate overcrowded classrooms, and to hire elementary art and music teachers for the 04- 05 school year.

**Motion to amend the article was made by Cosmo Ciccarello, 1 Dinanno Road, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, as follows:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund \$300,000 to the School Department for the purpose of hiring Elementary Teachers to alleviate overcrowded classrooms in grades 1 through 5 and to minimize the need for redistricting at the elementary level, and transfer \$1,500 from the Stabilization Fund to the Office of the Town Clerk to reimburse that office for the cost of running the Special Town Meeting.

**Motion to Move the Question**  
**Question is Moved**

**Motion to Amend Article**  
**Majority Vote Required**  
**Passes Per Moderator**

**Motion to Move Question as Amended**  
**Question is Moved**

**Motion on Article as Amended**  
**2/3 Vote Required**  
**Motion Fails**

**Motion to Dissolve**  
**Meeting is Dissolved at 9:20 PM**

Maria Sagarino  
Temporary Town Clerk

# WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2004

To either of the Constables of the Town of Stoneham in the County of Middlesex,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Town Hall, 35 Central Street, on

Thursday, October 21, 2004

at 7:30 o'clock in the evening to act upon the following articles of this Warrant:

Agreeable to the warrant signed by the Selectmen on September 21, 2004 the inhabitants of the Town of Stoneham qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs met in the Town Hall, 35 Central Street on Thursday, October 21, 2004 at 7:35 in the evening.

Tellers were appointed to check names of the voters entering the Town Hall and the checklist showed 172 voters were inside the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Michael Rotondi. "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" was sung in honor of the Boston Red Sox American League Championship win over the New York Yankees with an accompaniment by organist Bruce Netten, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the warrant was read.

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take actions to simplify and reconfigure utility and other municipal easements or property rights on property shown on Town of Stoneham Assessors Map 16, Lots 222 and 226, including without limitation the abandonment of such easements or property rights for a minimum amount of \$1.00 and the acceptance of substitute easements or property rights on that property, or take any other action in relation thereto.

### Board of Selectmen

**Article 1. Voted** that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to take actions to simplify and reconfigure utility and other municipal easements or property rights on property shown on the Town of Stoneham Assessors Map 16, Lots 222 and 226, including without limitation the abandonment of such easements or property rights



for a minimum amount of \$1.00 and the acceptance of substitute easements or property rights on that property, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Passes Unanimous**

**Motion for Reconsideration  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 4.8.2.10 as follows:

4.8.2.10 Medical and dental offices and laboratories and clinics.

**Planning Board**

**Article 2. Voted** that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 4.8.2.10 as follows:

4.8.2.11 Medical and dental offices and laboratories and clinics.

**2/3Vote Required  
Passes Unanimous**

**Motion for Reconsideration  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw by adding the following described property at 160 Main Street, Stoneham, MA to the Highway Business Zone:

A certain parcel of land located on the easterly sideline of Main Street situated in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a drill hole along the easterly sideline of Main Street; said point being S 02°-51' -15" E a distance of 92.51 feet along Main Street from the point of curvature at Collincote Street;

Thence running N 02°-51' -15" W along said easterly sideline of Main Street a distance of 46.87 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 79°-23' -55" E a distance of 122.48 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 13°-22 -09" E a distance of 55.31 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 87°-09 -45" W a distance of 128.44 feet to a point of curvature on the easterly sideline of Main Street;

Thence running northerly along said easterly sideline of Main Street by a curved line to the right having a radius of 194.00 feet and an arc length of 23.33 feet to a drill hole at the point of tangency and the point of beginning;

Containing an area of 7,606 square feet and shown as Lot A on a plan entitled "PLAN OF LAND 160 MAIN STREET STONEHAM, MASS. SCALE 1"=10 DATED AUGUST 19, 2004"

**Charles F. Houghton et al**  
**15 Kimball Drive**

**Article 3. Voted** that the Town amend the Stoneham Town Code, Chapter 15, Zoning Bylaw by adding the following described property at 160 Main Street, Stoneham, MA to the Highway Business Zone:

A certain parcel of land located on the easterly sideline of Main Street situated in the Town of Stoneham, Middlesex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a drill hole along the easterly sideline of Main Street, said point being S 02°-51 -15" E a distance of 92.51 feet along Main Street from the point of curvature at Collincote Street;

Thence running N 02°-51 -15" W along said easterly sideline of Main Street a distance of 46.87 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 79°-23 -55" E a distance of 122.48 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S 13°-22 -09" E a distance of 55.31 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running N 87°-09 -45" W a distance of 128.44 feet to a point of curvature on the easterly sideline of Main Street;

Thence running northerly along said easterly sideline of Main Street by a curved line to the right having a radius of 194.00 feet and an arc length of 23.33 feet to a drill hole at the point of tangency and the point of beginning;

Containing an area of 7,606 square feet and shown as Lot A on a plan entitled "PLAN OF LAND 160 MAIN STREET STONEHAM, MASS. SCALE 1"=10 DATED AUGUST 19, 2004"

**2/3Vote Required**  
**Passes Unanimous**

**Motion for Reconsideration**  
**Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to extend the term of the Stoneham Tri-Community Bike/Greenway Committee and further to authorize said committee to assist the Selectmen and the Town Administrator in the preparation and development of the Town owned land commonly known as the "railroad right of way", as a Linear Park System incorporating among other associated uses, a continuous multi-use path for bicycle and pedestrian use. Exercise courses and/or nature trails, and to authorize the Moderator to appoint such other individuals to said committee as are necessary from time to time to cause said committee to be comprised of eleven (11) members at least four of who serve in an elected or appointed capacity in the Town and said committee report annually at the May Town Meeting for a period of three years and to authorize the Selectmen or Town Administrator to jointly apply with the City of Woburn and the Town of Winchester for funding under the Public Works Transportation Enhancement Program commonly referred to as TEA-21 or other State or Federal sources for the establishment of a Tri-Community Bike/Greenway.

**Stoneham Tri-Community**  
**Bike/Greenway Committee**

**Article 4. Voted** that the Town extend the term of the Stoneham Tri-Community Bike/Greenway Committee and further to authorize committee to assist the Selectmen and the Town Administrator in the preparation and development of the Town owned land commonly known as the "railroad right of way" and such other portions of land over which the Town has control or acquired rights, as a Linear Park System incorporating among other associated uses, a continuous multi-use path for bicycle and pedestrian use, exercise course and nature trail, and to authorize the Moderator to appoint such other individuals to said committee as are necessary from time to time to cause said committee to be comprised of eleven (11) members at least four of whom serve in an elected or appointed capacity in the Town and said committee report annually to the May Town Meeting for a period of three years.

**Passes Per Moderator**



## **Motion for Reconsideration Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 5.** To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of money into the stabilization fund, or do anything in relation thereto.

### **Board of Selectmen**

**Article 5. Voted** that the Town indefinitely postpone the subject matter of Article No. 5.

## **Passes Per Moderator**

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to amend the Fiscal Year 2005 departmental budgets approved under Article 25 of the May 2004 Annual Town Meeting, or do anything in relation thereto.

### **Board of Selectmen**

**Article 6. Voted** that the Town amend Article 25 of the May 2004 Annual Town Meeting by: First, increasing the Fiscal Year 2005 departmental budgets (as described in Exhibit A) by \$552,536 with said funding to be from surplus revenue, and secondly, funding the \$113,829 shortfall in said May 2004 budget with the following revenues: \$93,829 from surplus revenue and \$20,000 from prior year encumbrances.

**Motion to Amend Made By Jeanne E. Craigie, 53 Duncklee Avenue, as follows:**

Move for separate consideration for the following 8 items of Article 6

TA - \$30,000

Reserve Fund - \$88,536

Police Dept. - \$50,000

Traffic Directors - \$85,000

Fire Department - \$193,000

Public Schools - \$100,000

Capital - \$25,000

\$552,536

And one other which is a credit of \$9,000 and Town Account \$10,000

**Motion to Amend**

**Motion As Amended**

## **Motion Fails**

## **Motion to Move Question Question is Moved**

## **Vote on Main Motion Passes Per Moderator**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay for invoices from prior years.

## **Board of Selectmen**

**Article 7. Voted** that the Town transfer from surplus revenue, a sum of \$1,150 to pay for invoices from prior years.

## **Passes Unanimous**

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article No. 21 of the May 5, 2003 Annual Town Meeting to allow for the purchase of four police cruisers instead of only three as originally stated in this article.

## **Board of Selectmen**

**Article 8. Voted** that the Town amend Article No. 21 of the May 5, 2003 Annual Town Meeting to allow for the purchase of four police cruisers instead of only three as originally stated in the article.

## **Passes Per Moderator**

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to amend article No. 19 of the May 5, 2003 Annual Town Meeting with respect to the funding source only, by funding said sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for an Emergency Operations Center by transfer from available funds instead of borrowing.

## **Board of Selectmen**

**Article 9. Voted** that the Town amend article No. 19 of the May 5, 2003 Annual Town Meeting with respect to the funding source only, by funding said sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) for an Emergency Operations Center by transfer from surplus revenues instead of borrowing.

## **Passes Per Moderator**

## **Motion for Reconsideration Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 10** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$315,180.00 to be received by the Town from the FY2005 Chapter 90 local transportation aid (Chapter 291), as provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on public ways within the Town, or other eligible municipal projects, and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditures, or do anything in relation thereto.

### **Board of Selectmen**

**Article 10. Voted** that the town appropriate \$315,180.00 to be received by the Town from the FY2005 Chapter 90 local transportation aid (Chapter 291), as provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the purpose of continuing the permanent construction program on public ways within the Town, or other eligible municipal projects, and authorize the Town Administrator to make such expenditures.

### **Passes Unanimous**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$408,000 to implement certain rehabilitation and construction projects on the Town's sanitary sewer system under the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Assistance Program and the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to sell from time to time, as the occasion requires, Town notes, bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness in the amount not to exceed \$408,000 in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7 (1) of the Massachusetts General Laws and further accept any grants or gifts for those projects or do anything in relation thereto.

### **Board of Selectmen**

**Article 11. Voted** that the Town appropriate a sum of \$408,000 to implement certain rehabilitation and construction projects on the Town's sanitary sewer system under the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority Assistance Program and the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to sell from time to time, as the occasion requires, Town notes, bonds, or any other evidence of indebtedness in the amount not to exceed \$408,000 in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7 (1) of the Massachusetts General Law and further accept any grants or gifts for those projects.



**Motion to Amend Made by Frank Federico, 52 Hancock Street, as follows:**

By inserting the words "consistent with said program" after "as the occasion requires"

**Motion to Amend Passes  
Vote on Motion As Amended  
2/3 Vote Required  
Passes Unanimous**

**Article 12.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$8,500 from the "Sale of Dog Licenses" Agency Account, for the purpose of upgrading the Town Clerk s software system for Dog Licensing, Business Licensing, and Business Certificates, as well as pay for any technical support and maintenance costs associated with this purchase.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 12. Voted** that the Town transfer \$8,500 from the "Sale of Dog Licenses" Agency Account, for the purpose of upgrading the Town Clerk s software system for Dog Licensing, Business Licensing, and Business Certificates, as well as pay for any technical support and maintenance costs associated with this purchase.

**Passes Per Moderator**

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer all of the presently available Fiscal Year 2004 Certified Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) to the Stabilization Fund Account.

**John M. DeGeorge et al  
148 Franklin Street**

**Article 13. Voted** that the subject matter of Article 13 be indefinitely postponed.

**Passes Per Moderator**

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981 as amended, "An Act Establishing a Selectmen-Town Administrator Form of Government for the Town of Stoneham", by adding the following:

Sec 17. Budget process-Certified Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).

Upon receipt of Department of Revenue certification of the amount of Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) from a given fiscal year budget, that is available for use; the total amount shall be immediately transferred to the Stabilization Fund Account.

**John M. DeGeorge et al**  
**148 Franklin Street**

**Article 14. Voted** that the Town petition the Legislature to amend Chapter 26 of the Acts of 1981 as amended, "An Act Establishing a Selectmen-Town Administrator Form of Government for the Town of Stoneham", by adding the following:

Sec 17. Budget process-Certified Surplus Revenue (Free Cash).

Upon receipt of Department of Revenue certification of the amount of Surplus Revenue (Free Cash) from a given fiscal year budget, that is available for use; the total amount shall be immediately transferred to the Stabilization Fund Account.

**Fails Per Moderator**

**Motion for Reconsideration**  
**Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Code, Chapter 2-Article II "Town Meeting", by adding the following:

Sec 2-9.1

Except for election ballot voting and/or additions or changes to the Town Code; in lieu of a simple majority vote for financial related issues, a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required for the approval of all applicable warrant articles.

**John M. DeGeorge et al**  
**148 Franklin Street**

**Article 15. Voted** that the Town amend the Town Code, Chapter 2-Article II "Town Meeting", by adding the following:

Sec 2-9.1

Except for election ballot voting and/or additions or changes to the Town Code; in lieu of a simple majority vote for financial related issues, a two-thirds (2/3) vote shall be required for the approval of all applicable warrant articles.

**Fails Per Moderator**

**Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$51,000 to the budget of the Stoneham Public Library in order to meet the Minimum Appropriation Requirement standard mandated by the State of Massachusetts for Public Library Certification, or do anything in relation thereto. The monies would be distributed as follows: \$13,600 to the Personnel Budget, \$37,400 to the Operating Budget.

**Library Board of Trustees**

**Article 16. Voted** that the Town transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$51,000 to the budget of the Stoneham Public Library in order to meet the Minimum Appropriation Requirement standard mandated by the State of Massachusetts for Public Library Certification. The monies would be distributed as follows: \$13,600 to the Personnel Budget, \$37,400 to the Operating Budget.

**2/3 Vote Required  
Passes Per Moderator**

**Motion for Reconsideration  
Cannot Be Reconsidered**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for the Health Agent (\$160) and Nurses (\$500), for travel expenses, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Board of Health**

**Article 17. Voted** that the subject matter be indefinitely postponed.

**Passes Per Moderator**

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money to fund (from Nov 12, 2004 to June 30, 2005) the part time clerical position in the amount of \$8,334.08, or do anything in relation thereto.

**Board of Health**

**Article 18. Voted** that the subject matter be indefinitely postponed.

**Passes Per Moderator**

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$8,000 to repair or replace the 20 M.P.H. flashing light on Summer St. by the South School or do anything in relation thereto.



**Mark P. Patterson et al**  
**64 Pine Street**

**Article 19. Voted** that the subject matter of Article 19 be indefinitely postponed.

**Passes Per Moderator**

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept as a gift a portion of the lot 7 Cricklewood Drive abutting the East School Park (said lot designated as Map 2, Lot 151 on the Town of Stoneham Assessor s Maps and described in a deed recorded at the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 11151, Page 121. Said land, if accepted as a gift, to be under the jurisdiction and control of the Stoneham School Committee. Or do anything in relation thereto.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 20. Voted** that the subject matter of Article No. 20 be indefinitely postponed.

**Passes Per Moderator**

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to rescind any debt authorized but unissued on certain articles where the funds are no longer needed.

**Board of Selectmen**

**Article 21. Voted** that the Town rescind the debt authorized but unissued on the following articles where the funds are no longer needed:

<b>Town Meeting</b>	<b>Article No.</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount Authorized but Unissued</b>
1/13/97	1	Common Parking	\$100,000
1/13/97	2	Town Common	\$50,000
5/6/02	11	DPW Roof	\$34,000
5/6/02	15	MWRA Sewer Rehab.	\$215,500

**Passes Unanimous**

**Motion to Dissolve**  
**Meeting Dissolved at 11:08 PM**

John J. Hanright, CMC  
Town Clerk

# 2004 STATE PRIMARY - DEMOCRAT

## Office

### Representative in Congress

Blanks	Pct. 1 22	Pct. 2 14	Pct. 3 35	Pct. 4 14	Pct. 5 20	Pct. 6 20	Pct. 7 26	Total 151
Edward J. Markey	104	99	210	93	141	91	92	830
Write-ins	2	1	1	0	3	2	2	11
Totals	128	114	246	107	164	113	120	992

### Councillor

Blanks	Pct. 1 33	Pct. 2 25	Pct. 3 55	Pct. 4 24	Pct. 5 34	Pct. 6 29	Pct. 7 44	Total 244
Michael J. Callahan	95	89	190	83	129	83	74	743
Write-ins	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	5
Totals	128	114	246	107	164	113	120	992

### Senator in General Court

Blanks	Pct. 1 35	Pct. 2 27	Pct. 3 40	Pct. 4 23	Pct. 5 31	Pct. 6 26	Pct. 7 40	Total 222
Katherine M. Clark	93	87	205	83	132	87	78	765
Write-ins	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	5
Totals	128	114	246	107	164	113	120	992

### Rep In General Court (31st Dist)

Blanks	Pct. 1 18	Pct. 2 20	Pct. 3 18	Pct. 4 13	Pct. 5 21	Pct. 6 22	Pct. 7 112	Total 112
Paul C. Casey	108	94	87	149	91	97	626	626
Write-ins	2	0	2	2	1	1	8	8
Totals	128	114	107	164	113	120	746	746

Rep In General Court (30th Dist)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks			8					8
Patrick Natale			183					183
Edward R. Quinn			44					44
William M. Rabbitt			7					7
Scott Galvin (Write-in)			4					4
Write-ins			0					0
Total			246					246

Sheriff	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	5	4	2	3	4	3	2	23
James V. DiPaola	103	94	196	87	142	95	95	812
Robert A. DeMoura	13	8	27	10	12	8	18	96
Brian M. Gillis	7	8	21	6	6	6	5	59
Write-ins	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Totals	128	114	246	107	164	113	120	992

## Republican

Representative in Congress	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	8	9	0	8	4	9	6	44
Kenneth C. Chase	22	27	19	21	33	30	29	181
Write-ins	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	3
Totals	31	36	20	29	37	39	36	228

Councillor	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks	26	32	17	26	25	34	30	190
Write-ins	5	4	3	3	12	5	6	38
Totals	31	36	20	29	37	39	2	228



Senator in General Court		Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks		2	0	2	3	3	2	3	15
Richard R. Tisei		29	36	17	24	33	35	32	206
Write-ins		0	0	1	2	1	2	1	7
Totals		31	36	20	29	37	39	36	228
Rep In General Court (31st Dist)		Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks		5	6		6	4	11	10	42
John M. Prindivale		25	30		23	32	28	26	164
Write-ins		1	0		0	1	0	0	2
Totals		31	36		29	37	39	36	208
Rep In General Court (30th Dist)		Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks				18					18
Write-ins				2					2
Total				20					20
Sheriff		Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks		23	28	15	21	28	31	30	176
Write-ins		8	8	5	8	9	8	6	52
Totals		31	36	20	29	37	39	36	228
Libertarian Office									
Representative in Congress		Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks									0
Write-ins									0
Totals		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Councillor	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks								0
Write-ins								0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Senator in General Court	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks								0
Write-ins				1				1
Totals	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1

Rep In General Court (31st Dist)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks								0
Write-ins								0
Totals	0	0		0	0	0	0	0

Rep In General Court (30th Dist)	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks								0
Write-ins								0
Total			0					0

Sheriff	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Blanks								0
Write-ins							1	1
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

## Office

## Representative in Congress

Blanks

Write-ins

Totals

Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
							0

## Councillor

Blanks

Write-ins

Totals

Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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## Senator in General Court

Blanks

Write-ins

Totals

Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
							0

## Rep In General Court (31st Dist)

Blanks

Write-ins

Totals

Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
							0

## Rep In General Court (30th Dist)

Blanks

Write-ins

Total

Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
							0

## Sheriff

Blanks

Write-ins

Totals

Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
							0



# STATE ELECTION NOVEMBER 2, 2004

Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
	President and Vice President							
Blanks	5	3	5	10	8	8	3	42
Badnarik and Compagna	6	7	1	7	10	3	7	41
Bush and Cheney	574	628	786	658	730	733	632	4741
Cobb and LaMarche	6	3	4	2	3	4	2	24
Kerry and Edwards	1022	971	1104	926	1027	987	915	6952
Write-in	5	6	10	3	4	8	1	37
Totals	1618	1618	1910	1606	1782	1743	1560	11837
								11837

Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
	Representative in Congress							
Blanks	95	85	115	96	92	104	87	674
Edward J. Markey	1143	1118	1294	1059	1209	1167	1057	8047
Kenneth G. Chase	321	357	447	385	424	418	357	2709
James O. Hall	58	57	53	65	55	53	57	398
Write-in	1	1	1	1	2	1	2	9
Total	1618	1618	1910	1606	1782	1743	1560	11837
								11837

Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
	Councillor							
Blanks	540	563	705	586	633	652	541	4220
Michael J. Callahan	1068	1046	1191	1003	1138	1082	1010	7538
Write-in	10	9	14	17	11	9	9	79
Total	1618	1618	1910	1606	1782	1743	1560	11837
								11837

Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Senator in General Court (Middlesex and Essex)								
Blanks	94	89	82	81	77	86	67	576
Richard R. Tisei	820	873	1034	907	996	902	875	6407
Katherine M. Clark	704	655	793	616	703	752	618	4841
Write-in	0	1	1	2	6	3	0	13
Total	1618	1618	1910	1606	1782	1743	1560	11837

Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Representative in General Court (31st Middlesex District)								
Blanks	86	89		94	81	131	92	573
Paul C. Casey	1027	1026		917	1032	968	920	5890
John M. Prindiville	505	502		589	665	641	548	3450
Write-in	0	1		5	4	2	0	12
Total	1618	1618	0	1605	1782	1742	1560	9925

Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Representative in General Court (30th Middlesex District)								
Blanks			286					286
Patrick Natale			1007					1007
Paul J. Meaney			612					612
Write-in			5					5
Total			1910					1910





Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Regional Vocational School District - North Reading								
Blanks	702	695	879	730	799	788	672	5265
Paul L. Sweeney	911	920	1022	871	977	951	880	6532
Write-in	5	3	9	5	6	4	8	40
Total	1618	1618	1910	1606	1782	1743	1560	11837
								11837

Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Regional Vocational School District - Reading								
Blanks	726	716	902	776	843	843	707	5513
Maura A. Looney	889	897	999	826	934	896	844	6285
Write-in	3	5	9	4	5	4	9	39
Total	1618	1618	1910	1606	1782	1743	1560	11837
								11837

Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Regional Vocational School District - Revere								
Blanks	747	735	914	779	858	848	714	5595
Ronald J. Jannino	868	877	987	823	917	891	837	6200
Write-in	3	6	9	4	7	4	9	42
Total	1618	1618	1910	1606	1782	1743	1560	11837
								11837

Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Regional Vocational School District - Saugus								
Blanks	756	735	905	787	857	854	702	5596
Peter A. Rossetti, Jr	860	879	995	817	919	886	849	6205
Write-in	2	4	10	2	6	3	9	36
Total	1618	1618	1910	1606	1782	1743	1560	11837
								11837

Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Regional Vocational School District - Stoneham								
Blanks	646	628	736	643	672	741	603	4669
Anthony E. Deteso	969	984	1165	955	1083	996	947	7099
Write-in	3	6	9	8	7	6	10	49
Total	1618	1618	1910	1606	1762	1743	1560	11817
								11817

Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Regional Vocational School District - Wakefield								
Blanks	777	749	923	804	861	883	711	5708
Vincent J. Carisella	839	863	978	797	915	855	840	6087
Write-in	2	6	9	5	6	5	9	42
Total	1618	1618	1910	1606	1782	1743	1560	11837
								11837

Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Regional Vocational School District - Winchester								
Blanks	783	752	937	818	883	888	813	5874
John J. Bradley	835	861	960	785	891	853	810	5995
Write-in	0	5	13	3	8	2	9	40
Total	1618	1618	1910	1606	1782	1743	1632	11909
								11909

Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Regional Vocational School District - Winthrop								
Blanks	807	777	963	834	911	896	748	5936
James G. Wallace	809	835	938	769	865	844	804	5864
Write-in	2	6	9	3	6	3	8	37
Total	832	1618	1910	1606	1782	1743	1560	11837
								11837

Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Regional Vocational School District - Woburn								
Blanks	779	761	929	818	900	889	735	5811
Deborah P. Davis	834	853	972	785	878	848	816	5986
Write-in	5	4	9	3	4	6	9	40
Total	1618	1618	1910	1606	1782	1743	1560	11837
								11837

Office	Pct. 1	Pct. 2	Pct. 3	Pct. 4	Pct. 5	Pct. 6	Pct. 7	Total
Question 1 (Non Binding)								
Blanks	485	451		458	497	516	418	2825
Yes	997	1029		1038	1143	1072	1004	6283
No	136	138		110	142	155	138	819
Total	1618	1618	0	1606	1782	1743	1560	9927
								9927





















